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Born in Taipei, in 1955, Yu Peng showed early ability and with the blessing of his parents lived with his elementary school art teacher. Therefore he was exposed early to an artistic environment.

Overall, Yu Peng's works are an expression of cultural identity. They represent a modern perspective on traditional themes. His work has progressed through a number of different stages and forms and can be viewed as a movement away from, then towards traditional Chinese artistic concerns while retaining an originality that is invigorating and enjoyable.

Yu Peng's works can be viewed at the Taipei Art Guild. See pg. 21 for more information.

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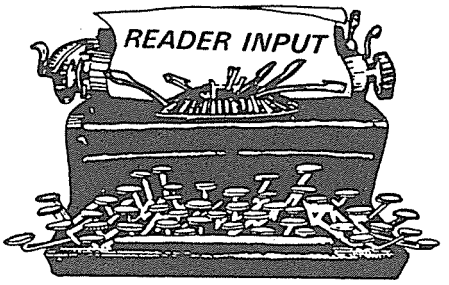


SOUR BULLHORNS

Dear Grapevine,

It's sad that some writers wade into things they know little about in order to satisfy themselves with publishing an article. Such must be the case with the author of "By Western Bullhorns" Vol. 2 No. 11. Needless to say, (to those who know the persons he mentioned) the author doesn't know much about his own article.

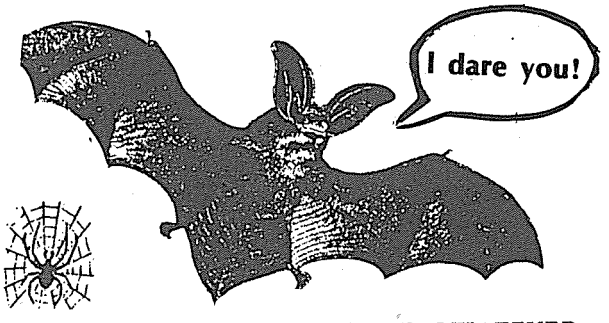
Col. Oliver North has never been indicted (as a sneak or a liar) as the article stated. I personally watched many hours of the trials. Col. Oliver North proved to be a man who acted in the best interests of his country. President Ronald Reagan has proved to be a President that has not bowed to communist nor terrorist groups, but has been a patriot according to the constitution upon which the United States is founded. Just maybe his courage is what stimulates American boys to be like him.

May I suggest that you understand what you are writing about, even if it is on the other side of the world, otherwise your opinions might find you out!

Aggravated American,
Kaohsiung.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

YOUR CRITICISMS & COMPLAINTS ARE INVITED!



. . . ALSO PRAISES, ADVICE OR WHATEVER – LET IT ALL OUT THROUGH GRAPEVINE! TAKE A BIT OF TIME TO WRITE TODAY.

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BAD GRAMMER

Dear Editor,

In the "Toward Better Health" column, Sept. 1987, D.W.M. states that "Irregardless of age it is never too late . . . ". Although I am sure that every reader knew what he meant, I feel we must be irremorseless and even irruthless as we irrelentlessly and irrestlessly pursue such irreckless use of unfeckless prefixes as ir (regardless).

Unnevertheless it was a fine article and I must leave now to get my daily three cloves of garlic for their-apewtic effect.

Uncle Lester All, O.B. City
Ambassador at Large
Society for the Preservation
of the English Language, Ltd.

From Webster's Collegiate Dictionary: irregardless; *adj.* (prob. blend of *irrespective* and *regardless*) nonstandard: REGARDLESS.

The irreverent habit of using this irregular word is irresponsible, irrespective of which it seems to be irremediable. Ed.

CHICKEN REBOUNDS

Grapevine:

To Indignant (Reader Input, Oct. '87) we say:Firstly the chicken had never before enjoyed such a gourmet feast. The chicken ate and drank just like everyone who bought tickets for this charitable event.

Over NT$38,000 was raised for various charities and already a portion has been used to save a 'blue baby' and also assist an unwed mother. The chicken was given to the winner of the chili cook off and the winners had a feast the next day. Their comments were that it was very tasty.

Don't criticize us for what we did since this was a charitable event. Is there charity in cutting up snakes? All of us would sincerely like to meet you just to prove we aren't the degenerates you think we are.

Chickenshit Comittee '87

UNFARE

Grapevine:

KUDOS on your Bye-the-Bye column. Telling it the way it is is the ONLY way! However, in Oct.'s issue concerning the exorbitant airfares you fail to give any contact for the local Consumers Foundation. I believe an English speaking contact or at least their address would be quite beneficial to all. As you said it is high-time, perhaps more so, to join and support the CF. We've all been taking it long enough from the profiteers, price gougers, etc. charge!

Slobbo

The Consumers Foundation telephone is (02) 700-1234. We are informed that English speakers are available. Ed.

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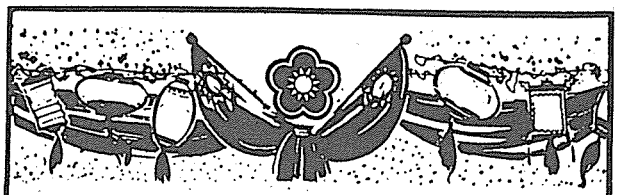

NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS

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Mid-Autumn (Moon) Festival. See Cover Story

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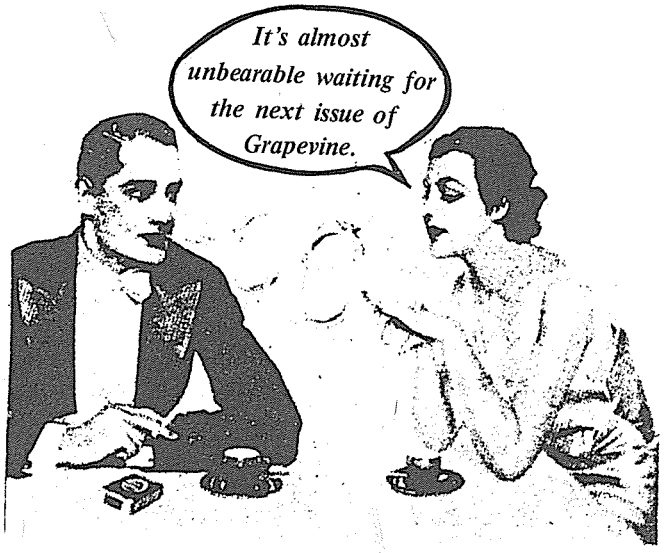

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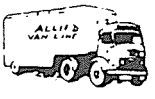

GETTING AWAY

TAMSUI RIVER MANGROVE PRESERVE

Taiwan has increasingly been faulted in recent years for gross neglect of it's environment and natural resources. A growing awareness among local officials has resulted in the first promises of future control of pollution.

Of equal importance over the long term, the government has begun setting up a system of National Parks.

In addition to larger parks, Taiwan has also set aside several smaller, but equally interesting, areas as "Nature Preserves" under the jurisdictional control of the Council of Agriculture.

Each preserve – four have been established to date – has been selected for features unique to the area, and perhaps the most unusual is also the one most readily accessible to anyone living in the Taipei area.

Just to the south of Tamsui, along the heavily silted estuary of the Tamsui River, is the Tamsui River Mangrove Forest Nature Preserve. While small – encompassing a mere 76.4 hectares (189 acres) – the area is the largest mangrove swamp remaining on the island and is one of the few existing refuges of many interesting native plant species.

Largely because of the constant flushing by the tides in the lower reaches of the river plus the combination of an exceptionally low oxygen level and thick muddy silt which blanket much of the estuary, almost none of the island's common plants can survive in the area. One, however, the *kandelia*, not only copes but actually thrives under the apparently hostile conditions. Even the scandalously high toxicity of the Tamsui River, which is among the world's most seriously polluted, has so far had little apparent negative effect on the kandelia. In fact, they actually seem to derive added nutrients from the pollutants which foul the river.

A short, stocky tree-like shrub with broad leaves which trap and hold moisture and oxygen, the kandelia has developed a unique reproductive method which allows its seedlings to avoid being washed away by the constant tides. Unlike the seeds of most trees, which fall to the ground before sprouting, those of the kandelia remain attached to the parent tree until the seedling has not only sprouted but has also reached a sufficient size to give it a fighting chance at survival.

Aside from the kandelia, strikingly few other plant forms survive in the area. A few orchids and other parasitic species can be found in the upper branches, but the more striking feature of the preserve is it's almost total dominance by a single type of plant.

If the plant life in the preserve is restricted in scope, its animal life is anything but. The mangroves are home, at various times of the year, to a third or more of the total species of birds native to, or vistiting, the island. The most ovbious of these are the large white cattle egrets which choose the swamp each year as a favorite nesting area. During the nesting season, thousands of pairs raise their broods in the swamp which at times, appears blanketed by living snow.

Other species common to the mangroves include a number of gulls, pipers, and small common shore birds.

At high tide, with water two to three feet deep over most of the area, birds appear to be the only wildlife but once the tides go out, a new world emerges. Coal black silverfish-like insects coat much of the exposed surface, so densely packed in places that the mud flats seem to be a gleaming seething black mass.

Crabs – largely fiddler crabs and hermit crabs, but smaller numbers of a half-dozen or more other species as well – from thumbnail size to six inches or more across, literally by the thousands, pop in and out of their burrows. Each has its own burrow tunneled into the muddy silt, with every square yard containing thirty or more burrows.

One of the preserve's more interesting residents is the mud skipper. A small minnow-like fish some three to five inches long with odd bulging eyes and an olive drab camouflage coating, the mud skipper shuns open water for the muddy riverbanks and gets its name from its habit of "skipping" from place to place by catapulting itself into the air in a series of hops.

Unlike most fish, which never willingly leave the water, the mudskipper can travel a considerable distance over dry land. It also has the ability to climb into trees or overhanging shrubbery and has the disconcerting habit of dropping down when alarmed. More than one visitor to the mangroves has been startled by a shower of miniature fish.

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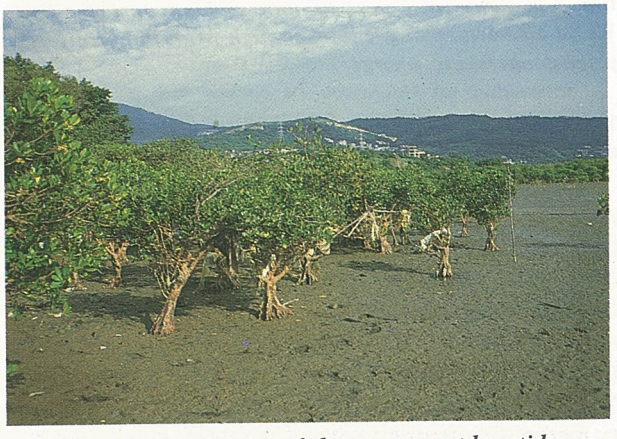
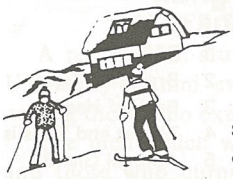
Camouflaged mud skipper lies on the open flats.



Kandelia on the rim of the preserve at low tide.

CLUB MED TO OFFER HOLIDAY-SEASON FAR EAST SKI TRAILS



Sophisticated European-style skiing is coming to Japan. On December 4th 1987 Club Med Sahoro – the first Club Med ski resort in the Far East – will open its doors and set the pace for winter holidays for nearby Taiwan-based snow lovers.

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The Karikachi Highlands Sahoro International Ski Resort is tucked away in the center of Hokkaido. It is served by two airports (Obihiro and Chitose) less than 95 minutes flying time from Tokyo. Sahoro is surrounded by some of Japan's finest mountain scenery, with a comfortable base altitude of only 400m.

Club Med's 6-storey hotel features a restaurant/theater with a view of the slopes, piano lounge, boutique and bazaar, infirmary and all vacation amenities.

The skiing facilities include 15 Alpine runs (5 for beginners, 4 for intermediates, and 6 for experts) plus 2 cross-country courses for Nordic skiing. Advanced courses thread downhill through silver birch for up to 4 kilometers, while the gentle lower slopes are equipped for night skiing. No crowded runs and no time-wasting queues: besides the 9 lifts, there's a 6-man gondola that reaches the 1100m summit in 7 minutes. Average snowfall is 1.5m and Hokkaido powder snow is superb for skiing. Indoor daytime activities include aerobics/stretching classes, video, seminars and games.

For full information telephone Taipei 713-0789, American Express Travel.

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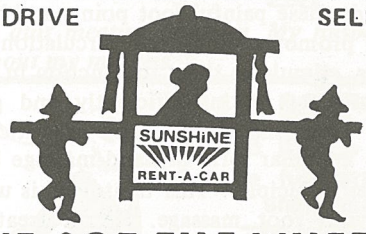

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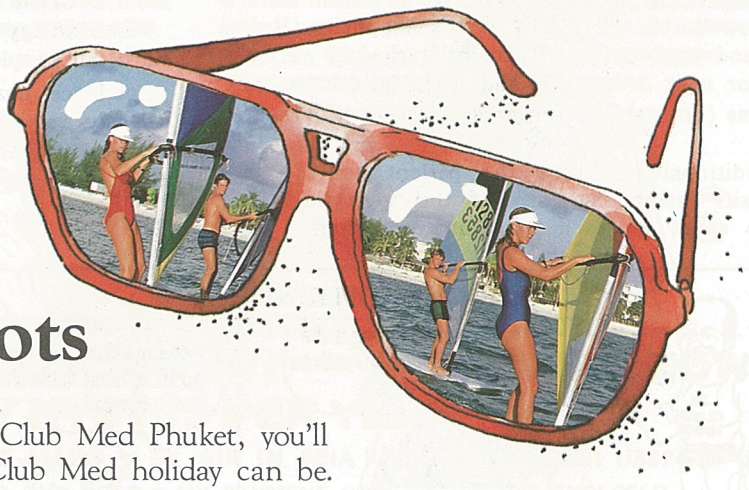

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Chinese Foot Therapy

Reflexology, or foot massage, although it's name sounds rather modern, has it's origins in China 4000 to 5000 years ago. This healing art never gained widespread popularity, being displaced by the much eulogized acupuncture. Although the Chinese developed several different massage regimens to a very high degree, it was up to Japanese and Westerners to preserve and improve these highly effacious therapies. Reflexology, as one, has enjoyed an upswing in popularity in both the West and East in recent years, with numerous claims of excellent results.

Basically, reflexologists believe that reflexes link each vital part of the body to an area of the feet with nerves serving as connectors. Painful spots on the feet indicate problems in the part of the body relating to these spots, or reflex points (see illustration). The reflexologist finds these painful foot points and by applying pressure promotes improved circulation to the relative organs, stimulates them to function in order to eliminate waste and toxins efficiently and generally drain tension from the body. Many practitioners additionally use a similar form of hand massage based on the same reflex principles. This treatment is usually in conjunction with foot massage. Reflex treatment in itself does not heal but rather helps your body to self-heal much more efficiently. Experts also advise that reflexology does not replace regular health care.

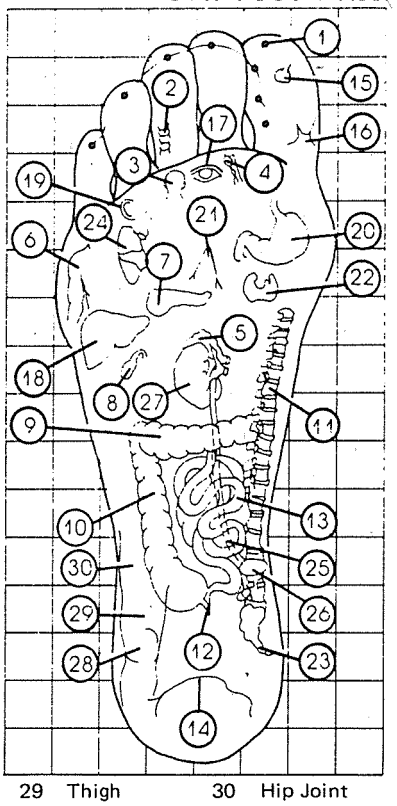
Many centuries of experience and writings have claimed success for reflexology in treating problems such as colitis, arthritis, asthma, impotence, migraine, hearing problems, chronic fatigue, back troubles, diabetes, insomnia, prostate problems, stomach disorders, hemmorhoids and nerve disorders, using time-tested methods.

As with some other ancient healing methods, foot massage is enjoying popularity with present-day practitioners massaging those same reflex points discovered in China over 4000 years ago.

The beauty of reflexology is it's simplicity. It is drugless and surgery–free. It can be learned by almost anyone for next to nothing and with the smallest of precautions (not rubbing too hard or too long) it can't hurt you.

In traditional treatment the patient lies as the masseur sits facing the soles of the subject's feet. The time spent on each foot can vary from 5 to 45 minutes. Some warm up the feet with a general rubdown; others start working the reflex points immediately.

YOUR FOOT MASSAGE MAP

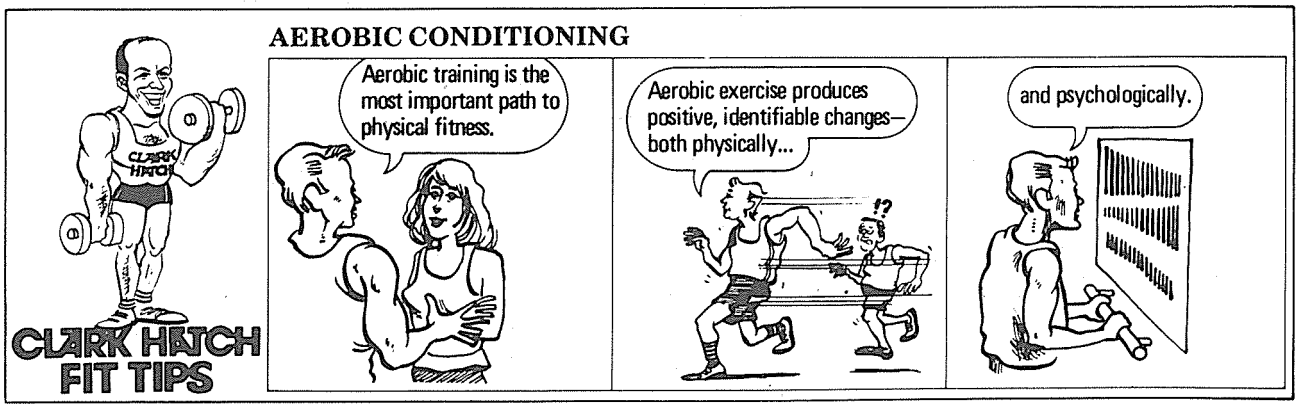


1 Sinuses
2 Bronchial Tube
3 Back of Head
4 Throat and Tonsils
5 Adrenal Gland
6 Shoulder and Arm Joints
7 Pancreas
8 Gallbladder
9 Transverse Colon
10 Ascending Colon
11 Spinal Vertebrae
12 Ileocecal Valve
13 Small Intestine
14 Sciatic Nerve
15 Pituitary
16 Neck
17 Eyes
18 Liver
19 Ear
20 Stomach
21 Solar Plexus
22 Thyroid
23 Coccyx
24 Lung
25 Ureter Tubes
26 Bladder
27 Kidney
28 Knee
29 Thigh
30 Hip Joint

In the standard technique, the thumb is bent at the joint, and the tip of the thumb digs with a rotary motion into the reflex points. The pressure should be firm but gentle at first, then gradually increased to as much as the subject can tolerate without undue pain. If you are doing this yourself or with a partner, thumbnails should be cut short and an eye kept on the subject's face to see if he or she is grimacing in pain.

Reflexology may or may not be all that it claims to be to all people, but foot therapy is a deeply relaxing experience; much more than just an ordinary rubdown. It may very well stimulate better circulation in the outermost extremities of the body, as it promises. At the least, the treatment leaves one feeling very good.

DWM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HEALTHY NEW NEWS

EXERCISE EXTENDS LIFE

A recent U.S. study which involved 17,000 Harvard University alumni evidenced greatly lower death rates among those who exercised.

The men which were studied spanned ages 34 to 74 and those who burned at least 2000 calories per week through exercise had a 25% lower death rate than their sedentary counterparts.

Men who used 3500 calories or more per week had the lowest death rate. In other words those who exercised more lived longer.

INACCURATE CHOLESTEROL TESTING

Cholesterol tests are described as "*one of the least accurate*" in the new U.S. best-seller, The Patient's Guide to Medical Tests.

According to the book, many factors can influence cholesterol levels, including apprehension or panic which releases adrenalin which, in turn, can increase cholesterol levels by 50 to 100 points in under 15 seconds.

Unrelated ailments such as liver disease, herpes, over-active and under-active thyroid, and pregnancy also raise cholesterol levels. Likewise, many drugs including diuretics, tranquilizers, certain hormones and asthma medicines affect cholesterol readings.

Not to be outdone the testing labs themselves were found, in controlled checks, to differ as much as 100 mg/% on identical specimens.

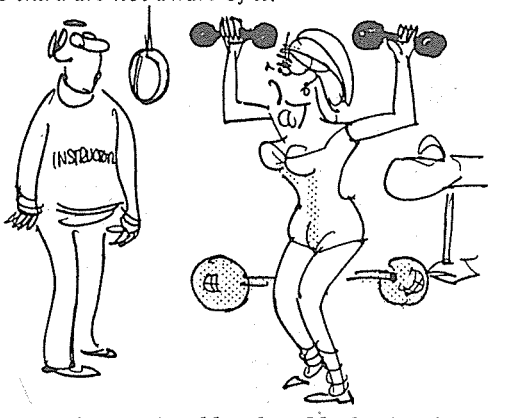
SWEETENER GOING SOUR

Despite the manufacturer's disclaimers of any dangers, a recent study made with aspartame (200 times sweeter than sugar) on a group with no history of neurological, physiatric or physical ailments produced cognitive defects in various neuropscyhological tests.

Another study on the sugar substitute, better known as NutraSweet, indicated that it might increase the frequency of migraine headaches as much as four times in susceptible persons.

HEALTH FACT

One out of every five persons has high blood pressure but one-third are not aware of it.



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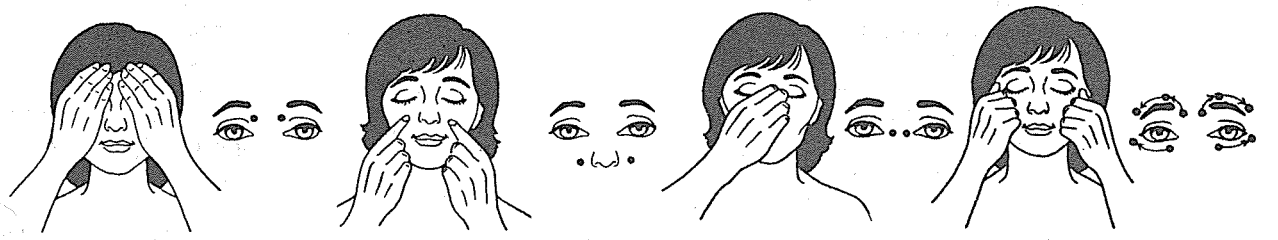
4. Place thumbs on each side of forehead. With fingers curled under, use the sides of index fingers to rub from nose outward, first from top, then from bottom of eye socket, starting from the middle of the socket.



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GETTING ACQUAINTED

THE MAN WITH THE IRON PIANO: LARRY ALLEN

The sound of music is always a little truer in Taipei when we have Larry Allen in town, and this time around the old maestro of the ivories is with us in his corner of the Hilton International's elegant Galleon Room.

One of those gentle giants whose peace with life and with the world allows him to make himself welcome and appreciated wherever he happens to be entertaining, Larry is, however, no stranger to rough and dangerous times. And if he is still going strong as a soloist, singer and story teller at 65, it may well be thanks to the old iron piano the U.S. Army found for him to use when he was a dogface during the North African landings in World War II. When he was playing for his buddies, even under shell fire, Larry was always careful to position his armor-plated instrument squarely between himself and the German .88s, and in that manner he made it without a scratch all the way to Lavorno, Italy when the war in Europe ended.

A native of South Bend, Indiana, Larry couldn't afford the fees at Notre Dame so he enrolled in the University of Iowa. At this stage in life he can't remember exactly what it was he studied, but sports fans remember that he was a first string end on the fabulous U.I. 1939 season team that won the Big Ten Conference. But long before he entered any school Larry's career had been settled by his mastery of the piano at about the age of three.

Drafted shortly after Pearl Harbor, Larry was seated on a horse in one of the Army's last cavalry regiments. But even before he was shipped to Casablanca, the cavalry went mechanized and Larry found himself watering and currying light tanks. Asked what happened to the horses, Larry answered, "I'm not sure, but from the taste of the food in those days I think we ate them."

Even as a freshman in high school Larry Allen was making nickels playing at dances in his home town. And in the army he was frequently furloughed to do the odd-job in exchange for giving equal time in military clubs or recreation centers.

Larry was stationed in ruined downtown Manila when Japan surrendered and stayed put to play in whatever Filipino cabarets and clubs that were still left standing at the time. After eight years he made a move to Tokyo and the Golden Gate Club in the closing years of the Korean War where many famous entertainers, who played the USO clubs in Korea, dropped in to see him. Larry has rich memories of such immortals as Louis Armstrong, Oscar Peterson and many others. It was at the Golden Gate that actress Ava Gardner let Larry coach her for her debut as a chanteuse. First he had to teach her to perch on the piano with the correct amount of leg exposed. After that the rest came naturally, as Ava visited military hospitals and added

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THE BOOK SHELF

THE LAST WORD ON SLANG

One of the best book buys in town – while it lasts – is the "Dictionary of American Slang" by Harold Wentworth and Stuart Berg Flexner. The Perfect Book Company over near the San Polo Hotel in one of the alleys on the south side of Chungshiao E. Rd. Sec. 4 still had a few copies last time we looked in, and maybe the Taiwan Only edition is somehow protected to guarantee continued printing. We hope so because this 766 page tome of the aberrations that have occurred in King James's English are not only hilarious but virtually essential to modern communications.

Dr. Wentworth and his associate began their labors to compile this lexicon in 1950, just about the time all the World .War II language had been rounded up, and toiled away for ten years before issuing the first edition in 1960. But by 1967 there was so much new slang that they had to go back to the drawing board, and the second supplemented addition brings us up to the era of Watergate and Vietnam.

For all of the thousands of entries in this volume, it is impossible for the astute slangist to cover a page without discovering some serious lapse on the part of the compilers. Whereas during World War II, G.I. Joes did refer to their sleeping places as "flea bags," it was far more common to call them "fart sacks." (By comparison, the British Tommies preferred the even more explicit "wanking chariots.")

Slang, or course, covers every form of human activity and provides even slang nouns for slang nouns. Just when we get used to "booze" it becomes "Al K. Hall." And what we all know as a "put down" has evolved into a "bring down."

The list of ethnical, racial and national pejoratives in the supplemented edition of this invaluable volume tops 200 and serves to remind us of how the makers of American slang love to hate. The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League will have to face a pantheon in its field that begins with 'Abie,' advances through 'clipped dick,' and arrives finally at 'Yid.' The Urban League has its woes all the way from "burr head" to "Zulu."

In a careful footnote, the authors explain how Mayor Lindsey of New York purified the acronym WASP by reducing it to ASP. By his unassailable reasoning all Anglo-Saxons are white: ergo; the W becomes redunddant. But being hereinafter known as Anglo-Saxon Protestants is the least of this group's worries. The loom of language has followed them too with "goy," "honky" and in the supplemented edition, "marshmallows."

Our language can now also match the Hongkong (or other) Chinese "banana" who is yellow on the outside but white within. Black pride has turned up the "Oreo," a Negro with white man's values represented by a trademarked chocolate cookie with a white cream filling.

The need to update the "Dictionary of American Slang" in 1967 had two prime movers. The drug scene of the hippy era brought forth a whole new lexicon of terms still known mainly to insiders. Cocaine has an

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DINING OUT & DINING IN

With The Gluttonous Gourmet

JAZZ AT THE FARMHOUSE

This column consistently gives short shrift to restaurants that blast their patrons with loud music which blunts that best of all sauces; good table conversation. But what goes on at the Farmhouse every Sunday afternoon avoids this fatal collision. By the time the table is laid, the music is ended, and capacity crowds that cut across both age and national lines are getting their money's worth during both halves of the program.

The weekly Jazz Jam Session, which runs between 3-6 p.m. Sundays, is a feature long overdue in Taipei, and the number of young Chinese turning out, evidently enjoying the proceedings, gives hope of an audience base that will make the old New Orleans magic a permanent feature.

Visitors to the Farmhouse during the session are likely to hear anybody and everybody in Taipei who knows how to get a note out of a brass instrument. Volunteer tooters as well as vocalists climb onto the stage throughout the afternoon, but the hard core of the session is a three-man combo of Londoners, led by Stan Best, that originally formed on board the P. & O. cruise liner "Orcades."

During the musical program the price of drinks is a bit stiff, but Stan Best alone is worth the mark-up. A throwback to the brave days when we had Masters of Ceremony instead of ghostly DJs, Stan would be equally at home on Rampart Street or in a Billy Butlin camp. Another artist worth watching is drummer Steve Rustin.

When the sound and the fury dies promptly at six and a reduced-price happy hour is proclaimed at the bar, the Farmhouse uncovers it's much publicized NT$295 Western buffet. All over Taipei buffets provide some relief from high priced meals in the foreign restaurants, but are usually offered only at lunch-time. The Farmhouse's initiative not only gives the supper diner an unusual break financially but offers a board that deserves applause at any price.

The flagship of the fleet of twelve tureens that float upon the Farmhouse's buffet table is the rare roast beef. It is absolutely right and is correctly complimented with roast potatoes and a thick gravy (if the chefs got really adventursome and produced a Yorkshire pudding, wandering Britons would genuinely think they were back at the Bull and Bush). Nevertheless, non-beef eaters can also find joy in the equally generous portions of roast ham. Or if it be Friday, devout Catholics can catch up with tuna salad and unlimited quantities of tempura style prawns. Die-hard Cantonese fans have not been overlooked either through offerings of sweet and sour pork and braised beef.

Another first for the Farmhouse evening buffet is it's potato salad. Locally grown potatoes are somewhat hard to work with, but the recipe applied here would make the diner think he is at an Idaho picnic.

Desserts are not the Farmhouse buffet's strongest point, but there is plenty of fruit at hand. Better still, forget about the carbohydrates altogether and go back for another slice of roast beef.

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LENTILS AND MACARONI

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2-3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. ground coriander
8 oz. elbow macaroni
Salt & pepper to taste
1 tbsp. butter (optional)
¼ to ½ cup minced parsley

1. Cook lentils until soft, (or microwave, covered and vented for 12 minutes at full power, stirring every three minutes). Drain thoroughly.
2. Heat a skillet and add the oil. Saute the onions over moderate heat until soft. Stir in the garlic and cook until soft. Stir in the coriander. Stir in the lentils. Keep the mixture warm.
3. Meanwhile, cook the macaroni according to package directions until just barely done. Drain.
4. Mix the drained pasta with the lentil mixture. Season to taste. Stir in the butter. Sprinkle on the parsley. Serve hot. Serves 6.

MEAT AND MACARONI

12 oz. elbow macaroni
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 medium onion, finely chopped
¼ tsp. each tumeric, ground coriander, ground white pepper
1 lb. ground lamb or beef
2 tbsp. lemon juice
½ cup chopped parsley
1 cup cottage cheese
2 tbsp. bread crumbs
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions until just barely done. Drain.
2. Meanwhile heat the oil in a skillet and cook onion over low heat, stirring occasionally, until soft and golden. Stir in the spices. Crumble in the meat and stir until no pink shows. Stir in the lemon juice. Off heat, stir in parsley.
3. Heat oven to 400F (200C). Grease a large ovenproof baking dish.
4. Mix the macaroni with the meat mixture and half of the cottage cheese. Place this mixture into the prepared dish. Top with the remaining cottage cheese, and sprinkle on the crumbs and Parmesan.
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WANDERING CHOPSTICKS

with Arno Penn

Chopstickers partake at Rong An

SZECHUAN AT RONG AN

October's repast came up a bit short of members due to the regrettable circumstances of Grapevine's telephone being blitzed for several days, thus causing a few potential chopstickers to miss some first-class Szechuan cuisine.

The ultimate group of ten met at the Rong An Restaurant at 140 Nanking E. Rd., Sec. 2 and were ushered into a clean, tidy and tastefully decorated private room.

An assortment of tasty pickled snacks, spicy noodles and the ever-present watermelon seeds kept starvation at bay while our gal Friday, Sandy Huang, did an excellent job of ordering a scrumptious Szechuan-style Sunday dinner.

Aside from the GV element our group welcomed Prof. and Mrs. Clifton D. Bryant, here on a year's Fulbright exchange, and we were happy that the *Findler bunch* had managed to get the word and add their usual enjoyable presence to the gathering.

The first-delivered selection, which started out as Ma Findler's favorite fried cashews (all out), changed to fried walnuts (no more), finally appeared as fried pine nuts (香酥松子) and received no complaints.

The down-to-earth eating began with Chicken and Cashews (腰果雞丁), not particularly Szechuan but anyway it was the evening's highlight. This was followed by other memorable dishes including delicious Spicy Szechuan Eggplant (魚香茄子), tasty Homestyle Squid (家常花枝), an unusual Beef Hotplate (鐵板筋肉), and Baked Pomfret (椒鹽鯧魚) which was a welcome change from the usual steamed varieties of fish. The sauteed spinach (炒 菠 菜), selected as the green vegetable, was very good as was the soup finale of shredded pork with pickled cabbage (榨菜肉絲湯).

The food was great but Rong An is one of the top-class purveyors of Szechuan food and this was reflected on the bill which came to NT$320 per head, excluding a generous amount of beer and soft drinks. While not exorbitant this went over the Wanderer's guideline limit of NT$300. The convenient location on Nanking East just a few steps from Sung Chiang Rd. also probably added a bit to the bill. But, all-in-all, everyone left satisfied and looking towards November's gastronomic binge. ◈

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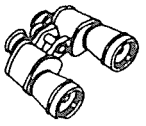

HOTEL WATCH

EVENTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

HILTON HOSTS SCOTLAND

Scottish dishes will grace the tables at Hilton's Traders Grill during the Scottish Festival slated for November 21 to December 3. This event is co-sponsored by British Caledonian Airways and Kuehne & Nagel.

Unique ingredients will be imported from Scotland for an authentic menu. Amongst the tempting offers will be grouse terrine, partridge in malt whisky, brown trout fried with oatmeal, Scotch Angus beef, Sutherland venison fillet, mallard duck, and a variety of game and wild bird selections.

The festival will not only feature fine tastes of Scotland, but the fine sounds as well. A team of 15 bagpipers will be on hand for the gala dinner to be held in the Traders Grill on opening night, November 21. And these musicians will continue to delight diners with their traditional Scottish melodies throughout the promotion, ensuring that the Scottish Festival's atmosphere is authentic.

On the morning of Sunday, November 22, there will be a demonstration of traditional Highland games on the grounds of Taipei American School. Young and old alike will be thrilled with this Scottish ritual.

Diners at the Traders Grill during the promotion will have a chance to win a free trip to Scotland. Two executive class roundtrip air tickets, courtesy of British Caledonian Airways, will be the prize for the lucky winner of a raffle draw to be held towards the end of the festival.

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entire column of aliases while heroin provides another. "Keeping up with the Joneses" no longer means matching a neighbor's new model car but supporting a drug habit.

The second surge in slang occurred when the gays came out of the closet with entire manuscripts of unfamiliar language. What straight, for instance, can tell you the difference between a 'fag bag' and a 'fag hag.' And can the rest of us readily identify a 'fruit picker' when we see one?

There is also another hint of latter-day moral rearmament or resurrection of human dignity in the supplement to the dictionary. Since time immemorial people have been "goosing" one another. But only after the studies begun after 1967 was there evidence of resistance to this outrage when the argot "goosey" or "sensitive in the anal region" became current.

We think everyone in the English speaking community should own this book, but we'll let you off the hook about the terms unexplained above. A 'fag hag' is a lady desiring a man's company who dates homosexuals in order to be sure that she will not have the hard word put on her. A 'fag bag' is a woman who marries a homosexual, but don't ask us why. The 'fruit picker' is a normally heterosexual gent who from time to time frequents 'fruitcakes.' But we'll leave you in suspense with this one. We thought we knew all the variations of SNAFU. But the supplemented edition of our book turns up with a new one: FUMTU.

What does it mean? Get thee to a book shop. ◈

THIS DEVIOUS LANGUAGE

In Elizabethan slang the term 'to die" meant to have an orgasm. This double entendre was used by Shakespeare in King Lear.

BYE-THE-BYE

SEEK BEAUTY WHERE IT REALLY IS

All over town resistance is weakening against the ban on beauty contests which has protected Taipei from this abomination for 23 blessed years. All too quickly Taiwan has had to meet and cheerfully ingest junk food, junk music, junk dancing, singing commercials, suits and ties, motorbike molls and enviromental pollution. We hold that that's enough cultural exchange for awhile.

There are many objections to beauty contests, but the main one is that they do not so much determine who is beautiful but who is ugly. Every runner up or also-ran, to say nothing of the girls who can't enter in the first place, becomes by the authority of the contest exactly that. Ugly! Plain! Dog! Reject!

After several generations of media consensus, we all know exactly what constitutes female facial beauty. If a woman's mug will fit exactly into a standard mold, she is a true beauty. If it is half an inch to long or short or wide, she is a reject. And anyone who does not think that the women who are thus certified do not take it seriously doesn't know women. There is a time in every woman's development when to be thought beautiful is even more important to her than money, and to find out she does not fit the mould produces pain that can remain all her life. At one recent international contest a runner-up took her pretty fist and gave the winner a crack in the chops that knocked her crown into the judges' laps. But the pain is usually quietly endured.

Philosophically, the world ought to be fighting the notion that a face that fits the mould betokens a worthy person. Beauty-contest beauty is no guarantee of anything. The ROC, one of the few holdouts to believe that self-respect is more important than money, ought to be in the vanguard of the opposition to any event which implies that the quality of the goods inside can be determined by the wrapping. In all the arguments in favor of the Taipei Miss Universe 1988 Contest, the pointer goes to the bottom line. Money is to be made from it! It is also argued that the contest will "enhance Taiwan's image." It sure will! If Taiwan wants the image of Atlantic City, Las Vegas, Bangkok and Manila, this is the right way to go about it.

What is the image of Atlantic City, the loins from which this bastard creature sprang? Some years back when Harold Ross and A.J. Leibling made New Yorker Magazine the uptown muckraker in the United States, the magazine sent one of its stars to Atlantic City to evaluate the Miss America Pageant, said by its promoters to "represent everything held dear to the American people." What they discovered almost justified this claim. The amount of corruption and squalor attending the event brought it to the threshold of organized vice.

Only recently that contest gave us a delicious scandal when the prim and proper Miss America had to turn in all her decorations and payments after it was disclosed that she had been posing in hard-core dyke sequences for a sex magazine.

In many cases the victorious beauties suffer at least as much as the losers. Many young women cannot handle the sudden acclaim and adulation, and even before the crowns settle on their brows, they begin to think they smell like honey. Some become renowned egotists like Imelda Marcos. Marilyn Monroe, whose universal acclaim made her Miss God, could never live up to the super-human image established for her and committed suicide. The common fate of these pageant winners is to marry rich and disappear from public view behind the shadows of succeeding queens so that their divorces from chastened and disillusioned husbands are scarcely noticed.

Most of the major winners are empty-headed nothings, but for generations the Atlantic City shills alluded to Bess Myerson, the 1945 winner. A Jewess, Bess's overwhelming beauty shone forth in the direction of the judges after the organizers had hinted that the pageant was not receiving as much Jewish support as it might. Crowned and deified, Miss Myerson went on to become New York City's cultural affairs commissioner and a member of the usage panel of American Heritage Dictionary. Alas, only last month this enduring goddess was indicted on federal conspiracy and mail fraud charges after a squalid hassle over a married millionaire who proceeded her to prison.

The dehumanizing of people seems to run on parallel tracks in the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. Both of these nations seem to want human beings to become mental puppets as well as physical robots. But the U.S.A., fountainhead of the beauty contests along with male and female body-building livestock shows is forging ahead with its advocacy of turning people into window dressers' dummies as well.

It is time for the ROC to cry halt and to strike a blow against the *triumph of vulgarity* by simply ignoring the Miss Universe spectacle. Let beauty return to the eye of the beholder where it belongs. ◈

THE FATE OF SMARFOO

A Back-To-The-Future Faerie Tale

You probably have never heard of the Sultanate of Smarfoo, an ancient land of yore, circa 1900 – 2000 AD, commonly known as S.O.S., which managed to wipe itself off the face of the earth.

You will ask, how did this happen? How could a country rub itself out? Where are the Smarfoosians? Well, here then is an account of the unusual events which resulted in that ancient disaster, related according to recent archaeological findings and the decoding of their primitive hieroglyphics:

The Sultan, learning from the Grand Vizier that his rule was not popular enough with the masses, desired that steps be taken to bring every last man, woman and babe into the fold. "Be popular Sulty!" cried the Vizier. Appease this dissatisfied rabble; make them happy with you!" "Do it!" his highness ordered the Grand Vizier, as he retired to the harem.

Therefore, it came to pass that the *Grand Advisors to the Sultan*, or "*GAS*," headed by the Grand Vizier (or Grand Gasser) in response to a growing craze of illegal racing contests, kicked off the Sultan's popularity contest.

There existed races, performed on inefficient, clumsy

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CARS, CARS AND MORE CARS

Taiwan's automakers are gearing up to produce more cars at a lower price. But they still haven't answered the basic question: where are we going to park them all?

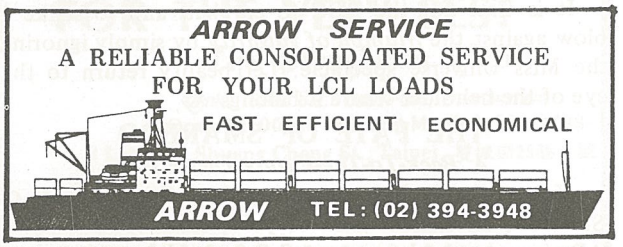
Under the government's current development plan for the auto industry, import duties on cars will be reduced by five percent a year from the current level of 55 percent to 30 percent in 1992.

Pressure from imports is bound to cause havoc among local manufacturers, who even last year – when tariffs were 60 percent – managed on average to utilise only 65 percent of their production capacity.

Through August of this year, for instance, imports from such manufacturers as Daimler-Benz of West Germany, Fiat of Italy, Volvo of Sweden, SEAT of Spain, and several American firms, had captured 18.3 percent of the local market.

Meanwhile, more local assemblers are crowding onto the already-crowded Taiwan scene. This year, for instance, Toyota Motors invested in local Kuo Zui Motors, with start-up of manufacturing operations to start in 1988, and Subaru, a subsidiary of Fuji Industries, agreed in October to a US$40 million joint venture with Taiwan Vespa to produce the 1,000-cc "Justy" sedan beginning in 1990.

The participation of these two firms will bring the number of local automakers – or, more precisely, auto *assemblers*, to eight – an unheard-of number in a market of Taiwan's size. Demand this year, for instance, will probably run below 200,000 units.



That fact – and the heightened competition posed by foreign suppliers – hasn't been lost on the local industry. Manufacturers from Ford Liu Ho and Yue Loong on down say they are taking drastic steps to improve their quality, costing, and service facilities in hopes of getting an increased share of this market – or at least retaining the share they now have.

An obvious answer to the problem of a limited market would be exports. But major manufacturers say they haven't yet been able to get the quality of their cars up to international standards. Also, because economy of scale is limited, local carmakers can't bring their costing low enough to compete internationally.

Part of the problem, of course, has been government protection of the local assembly industry through import tariffs that at one time exceeded 100 percent and which allowed carmakers here to sell their cars at roughly double the price for similar models elsewhere.

But that protection is due to go. The government timetable for re-structuring the industry means that very shortly – perhaps as early as two years from now – locally-assembled cars will have to start competing with imports on quality, performance, and service, rather than on simply price, as in the past.

To that end, local manufacturers are betting that by the time the price of imports roughly approximates that of home-grown vehicles, they will have succeeded in bringing down their costs and increasing quality and after-service to the point that consumers here will prefer the local variety over imports.

That may be just whistling in the dark, given the Taiwanese preference for things foreign over their own products. Still, local assemblers are taking an increased interest in building up the capabilities of their satellite suppliers and improving their quality control. They are also refining their cars to offer increased performance and fuel mileage, and are setting up their own service facilities using factory-trained mechanics, rather than relying on the often-slipshod repair operations offered by their dealers.

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approach to marketing. "Our strategy isn't the same as it was before," says an official of Yue Loong Motors, which commands the largest market share of the local assemblers. "We've dropped our emphasis on the 1.2 – 1.3 liter small-car market in favor of larger, high-end cars where the prices – and the profit margins – are much better.

"In terms of market share of cars sold, we may have dropped somewhat (this year) as a result of our new strategy, but our sales target for 1987 is NT$20 billion, and if we achieve this, it will be a company record," he says.

Ford Liu Ho, meanwhile, seems to be the main beneficiary of Yue Loong's decreased emphasis on the small car market. Company officials say the Ford Laser is gaining an increasing share of the "taxi market" that used to be Yue Loong's private domain. Ford is also hoping that it can crack the North American market with its CT-18 (Mercury Tracer) sedans, which the company began exporting to Canada a year ago at the rate of 1,000 units a month. ◈

SCOTIABANK OPENS DOORS

Scotiabank, one of Canada's oldest and largest banking institutions opened it's Taipei representative office last month in Worldwide House, Suite 802, 683 Minsheng E. Rd. Tel. 713-2792.

Mr. G. A. Fowler, the bank's Taiwan Representative, is aiming at having service operations established late next year. ◈

101 BUSINESS CLUB DEBUTS

The 101 Business Club, with excellent financial backing and credentials, opened it's doors recently to charter membership as Taipei's newest private club; the fore–runner of a planned chain of such clubs with interlinking membership privileges.

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Membership fee is a reasonable NT$100,000 for a two-year period and as a bonus new joiners receive two bottles of their favorite drink, irregardless of brand, as a starter.

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Operation hours are noon til 2:30PM for buffet lunch; 2:30 to 6PM is teatime with gratis coffee and tea available for members; dinner (French cuisine) is served from 6 to 9:30 PM followed by band entertainment and dancing to fill out an enjoyable evening.

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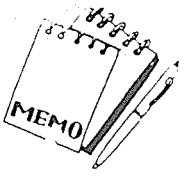

LUFTHANSA-SITA SILVER JUBILEE

Sita World Travel will throw a party at the Lai Lai Sheraton on 20th Nov. in celebration of 25 years as Lufthansa's Taiwan agent.

FLIGHT INCREASE

Lufthansa is increasing it's frequency between Hong Kong and Frankfurt to 5 flights weekly (daily except Tues. and Thurs.)

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Beginning this month South African Airways will offer two flights per week Taipei – Johannesburg on Tuesdays and Fridays. For full information and reservations call 713-6363.

THAI TO MADRID

Commencing 5 Dec. Thai Airways will have flights twice weekly, Mon. and Sat. from Bangkok to Madrid via Athens and Rome. Passengers from Taipei can connect same day with either TG627 (direct to Bangkok) or TG631 (Bangkok via HK). Boeing 727-200 aircraft will be used on this new route. For further info call the airline at (02) 715-2766.

UNITED CHANGES SCHEDULE

United Airlines announced it's winter schedule, commencing 1st Nov., with flights daily, except Sundays, Taipei via Tokyo. Sunday's flight is via Seoul. For reservations or information call (02) 735-8868.

PROPELLER CLUB ACTIVITIES

The Propeller Club of Taiwan met for its monthly luncheon at Anton Grueniger's popular Zum Fass Restaurant last month, under the auspices of Tony Borglum, Regional Manager Taiwan for Norasia Line.

The meeting unanimously approved the founding of a Bachelors' Auxiliary under the provisional name of The *Night Mates* and scheduled it's first evening meeting at a secret time and venue.

The club has lost one of it's founding members, Mr. T.K. Sit of Jardine, Matheson & Co., who has transferred to Jardine shipping Agencies, Hong Kong.

SCHENKER CELEBRATES TAIWAN 20TH

A cocktail party marking the 20th anniversary of Schenker (H.K.) Ltd. on Taiwan was held on Oct. 23rd at the Ritz Hotel, with Mr. E. Schultz, representative of the Schenker Board of Directors, officiating.

The opportunity was taken to announce the appointment of Mr. Peter Coloseus as Taiwan General Manager, succeeding Norbert Picker who is transferred to Schenker's head office in Germany.

On 11th Nov. a gala party will be held for over 100 of Schenker's Taiwan staff. ◈

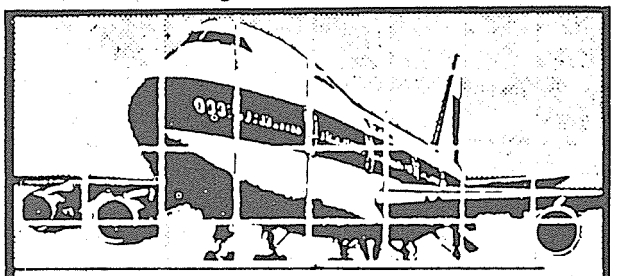
KOO

TAN

ASIAWORLD APPOINTMENTS

Franklin Koo, a long-time and well known hotelier in Taiwan, has been appointed General Manager of the Asiaworld Plaza Hotel. He has held top positions in several leading Taipei hotels.

At the same time Elton See Tan, previously director of sales, marketing and rooms division at Asiaworld was promoted to the post of Deputy General Manager.



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COMPUTER TALK

by Stan

ANTI-COMPUTER PERSONS

Nobody's done a census yet, but I'm pretty sure there are more personal computers, per capita, in Taiwan than anywhere else in the world. Yet I'm sure that you have as many friends as I do who have never touched one in their lives, and don't want to.

All of these guys are intelligentsia (all our friends are, of course); there's no ignorance involved, superstitious or otherwise. No one ascribes to the myth anymore that computers will put people out of jobs. Not, at least, here in Taiwan, where the computer industry and its satellite suppliers (of items from chrome plated bolts to rubber feet) are turbocharging the economy – through the Scylla and Charybdis of revaluation and protectionism – to a projected 11% growth this year!

So why don't some of my best friends like my best friend, the PC? Hard to say. Some of you may remember (c'mon, admit it) when Ford started mass producing the "horseless carriage". A lot of people back then wouldn't be caught dead looking at one. But ignoring the misshapen, polluting monsters didn't make them go away, and the automobile revolution unquestionably changed the very face of America as much as any other development since the turn of the century.

Likewise, there will doubtless be a PC (or three!) in every home by the end of this century, and its ultimate impact on our lifestyles will be beyond what we can possibly imagine – as long as silicon for the chips doesn't run out (and guess what the most common element on earth is, except for oxygen)! Why, many of our eight year-olds today can't even remember when there weren't any computers. With breakthroughs in superconductivity, you might find yourself, someday soon, holding a Cray X in the palm of your hand. Even now, the practical limit of miniaturization is set by the need for a comfortable keyboard and screen display, rather than by the electronics. And the technology already exists for voice recognition and synthesis, even for modulation of brain waves to directly control circuits.

We're all of us breaking new ground here, learning from each other, the blind, often as not, leading the blind. We're looking out on a whole, new, utterly unclaimed world of experience, the birthright of anyone who cares to step down and put a toe in the water. How can anyone be blase? And here in Taiwan, at that, with a mama and papa Computerland every two blocks. Well, some of our guys pride themselves on a rugged individuality that doesn't stand for dependence on any sort of machine. But then they carry CD players, cook in microwave ovens, capture nature on auto-focus cameras and tell time with digital watches, which are all just uni-purpose computers with an emphasis on input/output over data processing. I don't see any reason to be chauvinistic about PCs just because they're big, beige and boorish.

I think I'll just stop right here. No point losing more friends than I have to. To those of you at whom I've hit close enough to raise hackles, well, I guess you're just as puzzled at me as I am with you. But find the time sometime will you? The truth will make you free... It just hurts to see a bunch of swell guys, with their eyes wide open, walking through Disneyland and not feeling a thing.

Besides, if you hate computers all that much, you wouldn't have read this anyway, would you? ◈

Stan Firme is a locally established free-lance computer consultant and instructor. Any reader requiring these services contact Stan at Grapevine 596-2047 or address enquiries to Stan, P.O. Box 28-186, Taipei.

Larry Allen . . . . . .

lyrics to the general excitement of her appearances.

Larry Allen was a very early old Taiwan hand, arriving here just ahead of the major U.S. military presence in the 1950s. It was then that Larry embarked on his sub-career as a member of the Taiwan Volunteer Firefighting Association, in whose service Larry can recall many heroic drinking bouts and absolutely no flame or smoke.

During his travels Larry has played with many interesting fellow musicians, some famous, some obscure, but one royal. In Bangkok on one occasion Larry did the keyboard work to the King of Thailand's saxophone recital.

Today Larry isn't quite sure where he calls home. In 1958 he acquired property in Hongkong and played at the Princess Gardens during a long engagement. But when Philip Paxton of the Hilton encouraged him to return to Taipei Larry was only too pleased to accept. What the future holds for him is not exactly certain, but at least through the end of this year he will be in place at the Hilton's Galleon Room from nine until closing every night but Sunday. And a finer pianist cannot be found within a radius of a million miles. For a fun evening drop in and see Larry. ◈

FINGERNAIL FETTISH

From ancient times until the nineteenth century in China, long fingernails were considered a mark of great beauty and, for members of the scholar-ruling class, a symbol of distinction indicating that they never worked with their hands. To protect their nails – which were sometimes more than 2 inches long – from cracking, both men and women attached special silver or gold covers to them. ◈

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (20 Mar – 20 Apr) WEEK 1: October clouds disappear. Control your temper. Improve social status – meet new people. WEEK 2: Take a trip or join a club. Start a diet now. Watch for new opportunities. WEEK 3: Don't be greedy. Gain advance knowledge before negotiating any deals. Expect a happy phone call. WEEK 4: New energies build up – hold them and plan well for their release. If family problems bother plan a short vacation. Lucky Days: 8, 19, 22 Beware: 10, 15, 20, 30 Lucky Numbers: 166, 743, 4949.

TAURUS (21 Apr – 21 May) WEEK 1: Time to be serious about work and money. Singles look for romance. WEEK 2: A possible small financial coup. Be honest with yourself, don avoid reality. WEEK 3: If guidance is needed look to religious teachings. Reduce unnecessary expenses. WEEK 4: Consider the other person's problems. Attend to home life Check your weight – keep, or get, trim. Lucky Days: 7, 12, 26 – 28 Beware: 9, 13, 20 Lucky Numbers: 98, 180, 223.

GEMINI (22 May – 21 June) WEEK 1: For singles an old relationship might stabilize. Look for a major opportunity. WEEK 2: A casual friend could bring luck. Make visits to maintain aquaintances – increase social life. WEEK 3: Gracefully accept your fate. Seriously consider any intended change in a relationship. WEEK 4: Beware of tension in your personal relationships. Kick unhealthy habits and improve your condition. Lucky Days: 7, 15, 22, 30 Beware: 8, 19, 27 Lucky Numbers: 188, 4746, 9876.

CANCER (22 June – 23 July) WEEK 1: Learn to control strong emotions. Difficult lines of communication might reopen. Avoid any chance of creating false rumors about yourself. WEEK 2: Social obligations might mean travel. Take care in travelling by car. WEEK 3: Mix with cultured people. Improve your appearance. WEEK 4: A time to use any unusual talent. Don't take love too seriously. If overweight start losing. Lucky Days: 7, 18 – 20, 24 Beware: 2, 13, 26 Lucky Numbers: 1987, 4539, 7811.

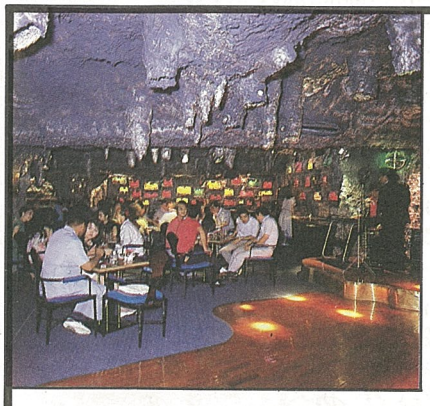
LEO (24 July – 23 Aug) WEEK 1: Attend to responsibilities at home. Listen before talking. WEEK 2: Have more faith in yourself. Head toward bigger goals.Beware of minor irritations. WEEK 3: Ride out emotional upsets. Don't let money overly influence you. WEEK 4: Don't depend on friends' moral support. Hold your temper. Be concerned about your health. Brighten your image. Lucky Days: 8, 19, 24, 29 Beware: 10, 17, 22, 30 Lucky Numbers: 177, 2198, 5747.

VIRGO (24 Aug – 23 Sept) WEEK 1: Good investment and profit possibilities for the whole month. Any emotional problems should clear up. WEEK 2: Don't be over-obsessed with an activity. Travel plans might develop. Don't worry about Fri. 13th. WEEK 3: Married Virgos should *rediscover* their mates. Do one thing at a time. WEEK 4: Have physical problems corrected. Be practical – beware of the offbeat. Improve efficiency. Lucky Days: 6, 9, 11, 20 Beware: 17, 19, 26 Lucky Numbers: 681, 2111, 2157.

LIBRA (24 Sept – 23 Oct) WEEK 1: Finalize business deals. Old problems get solved, both personal and business. WEEK 2: Hold off on any monetary deals. Do things in moderation. Be flexible. WEEK 3: Reward those who have helped you. Singles expect new warm friendships. Keep the peace. WEEK 4: Overweights get on a diet. Resolve any property or ownership problems. Beware of short tempers. Lucky Days: 4, 9, 11, 16 Beware: 5, 10, 20, 30 Lucky Numbers: 303, 717, 1008.

SCORPIO (24 Oct – 22 Nov) WEEK 1: Minor financial gains this month. Disatisfaction might prove advantageous. Singles have a good chance to meet someone new. WEEK 2: Voice your opinions. Be a saver. WEEK 3: Do more walking – get in shape. Beware of travel related mishaps. Have a medical exam to relieve possible doubts. WEEK 4: Clarify your basic principles. Check out a friend's bad feelings. Watch less TV. Lucky Days: 7, 19-22, 29 Beware: 8, 11, 27 Lucky Numbers: 1808, 2045, 7744.

SAGITTARIUS (23 Nov – 21 Dec) WEEK 1: Keep feelings in control. Look before you leap, take things step-by-step. WEEK 2: Be more



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cooperative toward a companion. A time for romance. Resolve any legal matters. WEEK 3: Don't let tension create problems. Watch out for past liabilities. Walk between wishful thinking and reality. WEEK 4: Delay planning for the future. Learn to delegate responsibility. A good time to start a fitness program. Lucky Days: 18, 20, 24-28 Beware: 11, 17, 22. Lucky Numbers: 15, 185, 616.

CAPRICORN (22 Dec – 20 Jan) WEEK 1: Be tactful. Improve on your life's orderliness. Use your imagination. WEEK 2: Don't take risks. Settle any pressing debts. Your appearance counts. Careful on Fri., 13th. WEEK 3: A good time for your love-life. Acquaintances are important. Think in practical terms. WEEK 4: Dreams and hunches could be significant. Be careful that high emotions don't cause backfires. Don't rely too much on others. Keep your finances to yourself. Lucky Days: 20-27, 29 Beware: 12, 19, 28 Lucky Numbers: 745, 825, 9896.

AQUARIUS (21 Jan – 19 Feb) WEEK 1: Uncertainty and indecision might persist most of the week. Act only if you are sure. WEEK 2: Speak softly, don't antagonize. Possible chance for better earning power. Seek advice from loved ones. WEEK 3: Don't get involved in undesirable situations. Either start or keep up a fitness program. WEEK 4: Possible increase in income. Be careful with a touchy person – don't try to help. Smokers kick the habit. Lucky Days: 8, 14, 22 Beware: 7, 20, 29 Lucky Numbers: 2055, 3168, 7509.

PISCES (20 Feb – 19 Mar) WEEK 1: Career progresses with friend's help. Uncomfortable feelings disappear. WEEK 2: Be original. Argument makes matters worse. Business and pleasure might mix now. WEEK 3: Control your sense of humor. Improve your physical appearance. Don't let home problems be upsetting. WEEK 4: Maintain high morals and ethics. Watch for risks. Keep emotions light. Lucky Days: 11, 18, 22, 29 Beware: 14, 20, 27 Lucky Numbers: 48, 675, 1176.

LUNAR HOROSCOPE

The lunar horoscope is guide to daily activities (the dates are adjusted to the western calendar).

The dates given are all good except for those in brackets which are bad. Good days mean fortune, luck or success. For example to hold the ground breaking on the auspicious day will bring luck, etc. to a construction project. Obviously "bad" days bode just the opposite.

ADOPTIONS	4, 13, 14, 15, 22, 25, 29
BED PLACEMENT	5, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18 **(2, 7, 11, 30)**
BUSINESS NEWLY OPEN	13, 18, 25 **(5, 15, 23, 27)**
CONSTRUCTION	8, 11, 13, 14, 17, 27, 29, **(5, 22, 25, 27)**
CONTRACT SIGNING	4, 11, 13, 18, 25 **(15, 27)**
DOOR HANGING	12, 21
FUNERALS, BURIALS	1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30 **(5, 7, 8, 22, 29)**
ENGAGEMENT	4, 5, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30
HUNTING, FISHING	1, 26, 29
MACHINE INSTALLATION	18
MARRIAGE	5, 9, 11, 15, 18, 21, 23, 27, 29, 30 **(1, 2, 4, 12, 18, 22)**
MEDICAL CONSULTATION	(13, 14, 17, 18, **29, 30)**
MOVING PREMISES	13, 14, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, **(1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 18, 21, 30)**
PLANTING	8, 11, 17, 26
TRAVEL	5, 8, 11, 13, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23, 15, 16, 29
WAREHOUSE REPAIR	18
WOOD CUTTING	11, 17, 29 **(13)**

"I can't change the world, but I can change the channel."

George Burns

GETTING EVEN PEKING-STYLE

In sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Peking, one took revenge against one's enemies by placing finely chopped tiger's whiskers in their food. The numerous infinitesimal whisker barbs would get caught in the vicitim's digestive tract and cause hundreds of painful sores and infections.

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ANSWERS

1. *Aureus, denarius, sesterius* and *as* 2. Santa Maria 3. Spades: lance points of the knights. Hearts: the Church. Clubs or clover: husbandmen. Diamonds: arrowheads of the archers. 4. The *Recuyell of the Historyes of Troye* in 1474. 5. Germany, 1891 6. 22 7. The Oystermouth Railway in South Wales in 1806 8. Bob Dylan 9. Kawasaki K2 1300-A1 10. Great Britain, Greece, Australia, Switzerland 11. 170 kmh (106 mph) by a white-throated spinetail swift. 12. Yokohama, Japan, 106.445m (349 ft.) 13. Steven Perry, London, patented rubber bands in 1845. 14. Fernando de Soto c. 1530 15. Samuel Colt in 1836.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. If we fall in love with ourselves we will have no rivals.
2. Modern children are so precocious, the birds and bees should study them.
3. Scraggy pinon pines have nuts that taste very good roasted.

MATHEMATICS

1. C 3¼ miles, D 4½ miles 2. A = 42, B = 50, C = 18 3. 54 4. 18, 30 5. Father 32, son 8.

TRIVIA MIXTURE

ROPE: Knotted twice

1. Roger Bannister, 1954 2. William De Hart Hubbard, USA in 1924 3. 1913 4. Original open-field greyhound racing 5. 1823

SPORTS

1. Meat killed according to Muslim law 2. Dry martini 3. Peru 4. a coward 5. Fried oysters and scrambled eggs.

GOURMET

1. Debark, 2. Curdle, 3. Blonde, 4. Arched, 5 Sacred, 6. Drowse, 7. Seldom, 8. Friend. Bonus word: Broccoli.

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TRIANGLES: 78. HEXAGONS: 27

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THE HANDICAPPED HELPING THEMSELVES

AMFPA was founded in 1956 by a group of mainly Swiss and German artists, all of whom painted without the use of their hands.

The artists formed a cooperative through which they could promote and sell their works commercially. They were then able to reach a wider international public, and provide a wider range of designs through contact with mouth and foot artists in other countries.

Headquarters were established in Liechtenstein, located conveniently between their respective homes. Liechtenstein also offered the advantages of the internationally acceptable Swiss franc and a neutral base of operations.

All members are represented in the management of the organisation, which acts as a promotional and marketing vehicle for the artists' paintings, which are reproduced mainly as greeting cards and calendars.

Not only does AMFPA look after the interests of it's members through marketing their products, it also gives financial assistance to disabled artists wishing to join the association. Any person who has lost the use of his or her hands and learns to paint using mouth or feet has the potential to become a member of AMFPA. However, a fundamental philosophy of the association is that the artist's work should be of a standard that enables it to be exhibited alongside the work of able-bodied artists.

Many artists join the AMFPA as student members. They must submit six paintings they have produced. The six paintings are judged by a panel of three, comprising two eminent ablebodied artists and the serving AMFPA president or a delegate.

Even if the paintings are judged unsuitable. a promising artist might be awarded a scholarship for an art school and funded by the association until the artist reaches the standard for full membership.

Once a disabled artist is accepted as a member of AMFPA, he or she is guaranteed a lifelong salary, even if illness prevents the artist from continuing to paint.

The Taiwan organization of AMFPA (口足畫藝有限公司) was started last year with five members and is similarly open to any interested handicapped persons with an artistic bent who are unable to use their hands.

The Taiwan group is led jointly by Miss Chang Wei-der and Mr. Shieh Kun-san (see photo). The local artists include those disabled at birth, from disease, or by accident.

Annual year-end holiday sales are usually by direct mail. This year a selection of eight different designs, by local and foreign mouth and foot painting artists, are offered at prices as low as NT$10 each for quantities of 300 or more. The smallest quantity available is 30 cards. Free printing of name and address is included for quantities of 60 or more. There is also a selection of eight calendars at NT$90 each.

If you haven't yet received a mailed offer, call the association in Taipei at 764-3105/6. The holidays are upon us and here is an excellent opportunity to solve your card problem and support a very worthy cause.

Shieh Kun-san, who lost 3 limbs in a 1972 factory accident, started painting by mouth 10 years ago.

THE FULBRIGHTS HAVE LANDED

An annual event which receives too little coverage took place when the 1987-8 contingent of American Fulbright Program grantees arrived in Taiwan and swiftly set about their assigned duties as university teachers, specialized instructors, students, or researchers in Taipei and Kaohsiung. Achievers, rather than publicity seekers, this year's arrival of ten men and women specialists marks the fortieth year of a fantastically successful program that has proceeded, with certain interruptions, since 1947. Under several different titles since it's creation under the original Fulbright Act, the program has settled into permanent form as the Foundation for Scholarly Exchange.

Under a formal treaty signed in Taipei in November, 1957 between the U.S. and the R.O.C., the historically significant program now rests upon solid governmental financing by both nations, with more than 1,100 Americans and Chinese visiting each others' countries to study or teach during the past three decades.

The newly welcomed Fulbrights are Prof. Clifton D. Bryant, a socioligist from Virginia Poly, who will teach at National Taiwan University; Assoc. Prof. William L. Harrison, Information Management specialist from Oregon State U., who is assigned to National Sun Yat-sen University in Kaohsiung; Prof. Jerry L. Williams, Theatre Arts instructor from the University of Oregon, who is teaching at the National Institute of the Arts; Assoc. Prof. Joseph R. Allen, from the Department of Chinese at Washington U. of St.. Louis, who is at National Taiwan U.; Prof. Stephen W. Durrant, Language and Literature, from the University of Utah, also assigned to National Taiwan University; Madeline K. Spring, an Orientalist from the University of Colorado, who will work with Academia Sinica; and students Stephen C. Angle of Yale, Kurt W. Tong of Princeton and Christopher G. Roberts of New York City.

These Americans are balanced by a total of twenty Chinese educators and students whose grants have scattered them throughout the United States to eleven American schools from Stanford to Princeton.

Many observers feel that what the Chinese technical students were able to learn in industrially advanced

America since the inception of these exchanges played a great role in the the economic miracle of Taiwan. In recent years, however, emphasis has been moving towards arts and culture. For example, the tenth member of the new American contingent, Assoc. Prof. Lisa Ann Fusillo, comes to the National Institute of the National Institute of the Arts from the Dept. of Ballet and Modern Dance of Texas Christian U. Herself a ballerina of renown, Lisa is giving personal instruction to a crop of young Chinese ballet dancers who she has found to be exceptionally talented and promising.

Expats interested in contacting or getting acquainted with any of the new Fulbrights may call their Program Officer, Tony Wang, at (02) 301-1147.

MUSIC EDUCATION SEMINAR

The International Music Education Seminar '87 will be held from Nov. 20 to 26 at Wisdom Plaza (知新藝術廣場). There will be four programs: Pace Piano Pedagogy, Suzuki Violin Method, Childrens Rhythmic Music and Piano Master Classes. The seminar is sponsored by Pace Music Education Center and co-sponsored by the Music Department of Fu-jen catholic University.

Pace Music Education Center invited Dr. Robert Pace, the inventor of Pace Piano Pedagogy, to give a four-day instruction on the practical application of Pace Pedagogy to piano teaching; Professor John Kendall, past president of the Suzuki Association of the Americas, is to explain Suzuki Violin Method and its application to Violin teaching skills; Professors Oyama and Hasiguzi, experts on children's rhythmic music in Japan, will give guidance on leading children's rhythmic musical activities; and finally, Professor Arkady Aronov, who the New York Times describes as "a pianist of high caliber" will conduct a four-series Piano Master Class, which was a graduate program at the Manhattan Music Institute, New York.

Arkady Aronov will also give three piano recitals during his visit, in Taipei, Kaohsiung and Tainan on November 17, 18 and 22, respectively.

Professor Harold Abeles, the director of the Music and Arts School at Columbia University, will also join the seminar with two speeches, on the modern trend of musical education.

Pace Music Education Center welcomes everyone involved in piano, violin and children's music education to participate in the seminar.

For more information contact Pace Music Education Center (02) 776-2889 or (02) 706-7926.

LOCAL COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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CATS NOVEMBER PRESENTATION

CATS' (Community Amateur Theatrical Society) new presentation promises to be a mystery thriller – not so much a "who dunnit" as a "will he get away with it."

The play: **"Suddenly at Home"** by Francis Durbridge
Directed by: Mareve Kilbride–Newman
The cast:

Ellen Smith	John Salminen
Nancy Mock	Jim Joyce
Maria Kelly-Weber	Mike Moodey
Helen Hammerstein	Tony Mock

The place: Taipei American School Auditorium
The time: 19th, 20th, 21st Nov. '87 at 7:30PM.
The tickets: 150NT each; Available from American Club in China; Taipei American School; Caves Book Shop; Wellmans Grocery Store, Tien Mou.

This is a play about a bored husband; an extravagant heiress; a neurotic actress; a successful novelist; an accomplished art dealer; a beautiful *au pais* girl; and two police inspectors whose job it is to solve the murder.

Francis Durbridge has been writing murder thrillers for over 20 years. He is internationally known for his creation of the Paul Temple stories. His work is famous for its "red herrings" and convoluted plots. "Suddenly at Home" is no exception; it will have you guessing up to the final curtain.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Wed., 4th, 7 – 9PM: Career Strategies Workshop, in two weekly sessions. NT$400. For those considering career changes, entry or re-entry into the job market. At TAS.
Thurs., 5th, 7 – 9PM Beyond The Guidebook. NT$200. At TAS. Tips on unique things to see and do on Taiwan.
Tues., 10th, 7 – 9PM: Advanced Photography, in three weekly sessions. NT$600. At TAS.
Sun., 15th, 9AM – 4PM: North Island Tour. NT$1000. Departs TAS. A tour from Keelung to Tamsui along the coast.
Wed & Thurs., 18 – 19th, 7 – 10PM: The Gift of Life, in two sessions. At TAS. NT$600. CPR for parents of young children.
Sat., 21st, 6:30 – 10PM: Wanhua Walking Tour, NT$500. Departs TAS. A walk through the old Lungshan temple area.
For further information contact the Center at 836-8134.

HUNG CHAO-HU WATERINKS

This month the Taipei Art Guild will feature works by Huang Chao-hu 31. Oct. to 13th Nov.

His paintings are known for their strength and treatment of color, noticeably black. The intensity of blackness diffuses into subtle groupings of different hues, introspect is powerful and enigmatic, totally absorbing the viewer into the works.

The Guild is located at 7, Lane 728, Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, Tien Mou, Tel. 871-8465, and is open Tues. – Sun. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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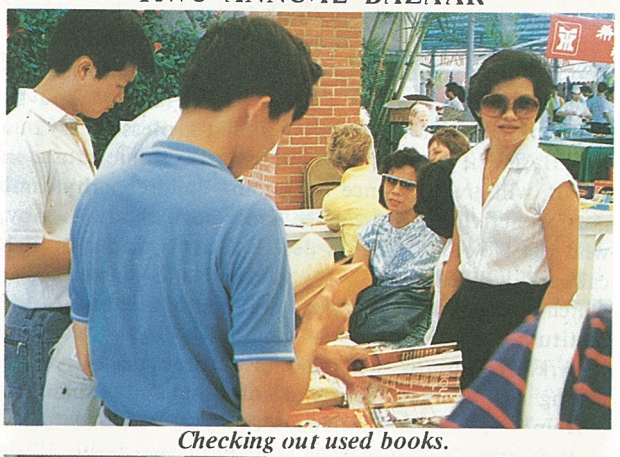

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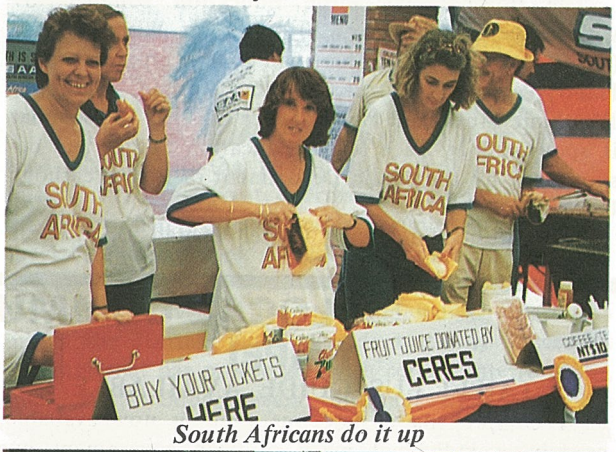

South Africans do it up

A bit of jolly old England

Swiss brave the storm.

OBITUARY

Wen Bowden, well known long–time Taiwan resident, passed away recently in the Philippines where he had retired, leaving a wife and adopted child. In order to help the bereaved family, donations are being accepted at the American Legion in Shihlin and the VFW in Tienmou. for further information contact Ed. Posnecke during business hours at 594-2111.

ORGANIZATION NOTICES

Christian Women's Club Will meet Thurs., Nov. 19th, 11:45AM at the Asia World Hotel, 100 Tun Hwa N. Rd. The theme is "Wrapped In Love" featuring a display of wrapped gift packages. Psychiatrist, Dr. Chung Ming-Min of Taipei Medical School will speak on "How to Nurture Your Marriage." The ORTV Instrumentalists will provide special music. Tickets, including luncheon, are NT$300. For reservation call Geri Bartel 871-2045 or Kathy Frederiksen 918-0467 by Mon. Nov. 16th.

Gateway: For help, tips, friendship is open to all expats daily, with a coffee morning every Wed. This month the Special Coffee on 18th Nov. at 10AM features a talk on Christmas Shopping in Taipei by Iris Costello. Gateway is in Tienmou, Chung Shan N. Rd., Sec. 6, 438, 4F. For further info phone 871-9031.

Ikebana Int'l are having their November meeting on Mon. 16th at 1:30PM in the Lai Lai Sheraton Banquet hall (Level B2). Included will be a lecture, flower demonstration, tea and snacks. Cost is NT$350 for guests; members free.

Int'l Women's Club will meet 17th Nov. at the Lai Lai Sheraton Hotel and will feature an international fashion show and luncheon. Fee for members NT$500, non-members NT$800. For resevations and tickets call Dorothy Lin at 871-5892.

YWCA will visit the home and garden of famous artist Chang Da-chyan. Bus leaves FASD Club, 56-1 Chungshan N. Rd., Sec. 3 at 9:30 AM on 5 Nov. and returns about noon. Fee for members NT$350, non-members NT$380. On the 19th there will be a shopping trip to a silk flower factory. You will be able to choose your own flower arrangement. Bus leaves FASD Club (address above) at 9:30AM. Fee for member NT$320, non-member NT$360. For further info on either tour, call Polly Yeung at 381-2130/1.

TAIPEI JOINERS LIST (02)

American Chamber of Commerce	551-2515
American Club in China	594-8260/3
American Legion	835-6491
Amvets II	703-7379
Amvets III	833-3916/8
Art Guild	871-8465
Bankers Club	715-2135
Canadian Society	596-2389
China Masonic Temple	741-3971
Christian Women's Club	918-0467
Ding How Square Dance Club	772-3685
Foreign Affairs Club	596-3531
Gateway	871-9031
Ikebana Int'l	871-4475 or 781-2110
Indian Association	831-5448
Kiwanis Club	521-5151
La Leche League	351-5144
Lions	541-4035
Pacific Int'l Business Club	715-0980
Propeller Club	932-4134
Republicans Abroad	594-2111
Rotary Int'l	381-0986
Skal Club	541-6466
Society of American Military Engineers	331-7261 ext. 312
Taipei Int'l Women's Club	771-4398
Taiwan Jewish Community	861-6303
Taiwan Old-Timers	700-6464
Toastmasters, China	321-8717
Toastmasters, Grand	786-2192
Toastmasters, Prestige	503-1223
TYPA (Youth activities)	871-4203
Users Group (Computers)	861-2644
VFW	831-4754
Alchoholics Anonymous	871-2624

TAIPEI LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

NT: National Theater 國家戲劇院
21 Chung Shan S. Rd. Tel: 392-5060

CH: Concert Hall 國家音樂廳
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MS: Taipei Municipal Social Education Hall 社教館
25 Pa Teh Rd., Sec. Tel: 731-5931

AFAC: Armed Forced Activity Center 國軍文藝
69 Chung Hwa Rd. 活動中心 Tel: 331-5438

THC: Taipei Hsih Chien Hall 台北實踐堂
182 Yan Pen S. Road Tel: 311-3742

Date	Program	Place
1	Chinese Opera (Hsien Wen Chi Kuei Han)	NT
1	Ode of Republic of China	CH
1	An Evening of Neapolitan Folk Songs (Italian)	MS
2	Chinese Opera (An Tien Hui)	NT
2	Alexander Mishnaevsky viola recital (USA)	MS
3	Renata Scotto soprano (USA)	MS
3	NanKuan (Musical of the South)	CH
4	Rolf-Peter Wille piano recital	MS
4	Chinese traditional chamber music	CH
3-4	Eugene Ballet Company	AFAC
5	Taiwan Orchestra	CH
6-8	Piano Quintet	CH
7	Cotrubas recital	CH
7	City Chamber music	MS
6-9	National Dance Troupe of Korea	NT
8	Pierre Amoral violin recital (France)	MS
10-11	Overseas Chinese Performer	CH
12	Nederlands Dans Theatre	NT
13-14	Chinese Lute recital	CH
14	Nederlands Dans Theatre	NT
15	Taipei Flute Ensemble Academy	CH
15-16	Carl Dorff-Carmino Burana	MS
16	Nederlands Dans Theatre	NT
15-16	Mathilde Monnier & Jean Francois Duroure	AFAC
17	Arkady Aronov Piano recital	AFAC
19	Traditional Chinese Orchestral Music	MS
19	Experimental Symphony Orchestra	CH
20	Taipei City Symphony Orchestra	MS
20	Nederlands Dans Theatre	NT

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20	Concord Chamber Group	CH
21-22	Clere organ recital concerto	CH
21-22	Maurice Stern, tenor & Nedda Casel, mezzo-soprano	MS
22	Saiun Liu recital	CH
24	Saiun Liu recital	CH
25	Quatuor Razumowsky de Paris	THC
25	Ju Percussion Ensemble	CH
28	Chen, Hung-Kuan concerto	CH
29-30	Contemporary Chinese Composers	CH

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Christian Women's Club will have their monthly luncheon at the National Hotel 17th Nov., 11:45AM. The theme will be "The Family Portrait". Mr. Markku Silventoinen will present information on how an amateur photographer can take good family pictures. Mrs. Naomi Williamson, who teaches "Marriage and Family" at Central Taiwan Theological College, will be the main speaker. Music will be presented by Grace Ho.

Int'l Women's Assn. have their November meeting Wed. 4th, 10:00 AM in the National Hotel VIP room. A Christmas auction for Charity will be held at this meeting. On Sat., 5th December at 6:30PM in the National Hotel French Restaurant, there will be a Christmas dinner/theatre, featuring Chinese Children's dancing. Tickets and details from Liffy Kennedy 251-4146. Everybody is welcome. The Association is open to all English speaking women.

VFW Post 727 holds it's regular monthly meeting at 7:30, Mon. 9th Nov. at the Veterans Service Center. Plans for the annual Post/children's party will be formulated at this meeting.

On U.S. Veterans Day, 11th Nov., 6PM a brief ceremony, followed by snacks, refreshments and an extended *"happy hour."* will be held at the Veterans Service Center. U.S. expatriates are especially invited.

November birthday greetings to Les White, Mike Falasz and Willie Wall.

YOUR CLUB NEWS IS WELCOME.
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TAICHUNG JOINERS LIST (04)

Bowling or Softball, Men. . . . . Hank Knight at VEW 321-9729
Bowling Ladies 254-3914
Bridge Club . . . . . (046) 23-2707
Chinese Lessons 287-3490
Christian Women's Club 231-8764
Int'l Womens Assn 251-4146
Literary Club 256-0449
Mah-Jong 292-5446
Spanish Lessons . . . . . Jordi 224-5108
Tai Chi Chuan . . . . . (046) 31-3630
VFW 321-9729

KAOHSIUNG

Kaohsiung Correspondent Harry F. Ong can be contacted at (07) 771-4338 or by mail to P.O. BOX 1842. Kaohsiung.

Congratulations: The Expat community has increased by ONE. Taran Patrica Gallagher was born on September 25th to John and Patty.

AMCHAM: The American Chamber of Commerce will hold a breakfast meeting at the Ambassador Hotel, 4th floor on Nov. 4th at 0730. Newcomers to the southern area of Taiwan are cordially invited to attend. Call President Bob Hachmeister at (07) 831-4995 for further information.

Dirty Chopsticks: Do you know an out of the way place where the food is delicious and yet inexpensive? We want to know, and you can be the guide for the evening! Please contact Eida Hylkema at (07) 742-8392.

Hash House Harriers meet every other Staturday and Sunday. The "runs" are organized to see local scenery and get you into shape. Call Klaus Trippner at (07) 381-5325 in the evenings. There will be a 'cross island' run Nov. 14th and 15th.

Int'l Ladies Coffee: Coffee Morning will be held at the Grand Hotel on Nov. 11th at 10AM. This group is beneficial to newcomers. Expand your own circle of friends, Cost of Coffee is NT$150. There will be a raffle.

KIWC: The ladies thank Susan Hsu for the marvelous job done the past year. This year's dynamic President is Linda Petrucelli. A Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held at the Major Hotel at noon, with an aborginal show, Nov. 25th. Tickets are NT$350 for members and NT$400 for non-members. Call Linda at 761-8559.

Ladies Bowling: Bowlers needed. This is a good way to learn how to bowl, meet friends and lose weight every Monday morning at the National Bowling Alley at 10AM. Call Senie Rymmer at (07) 731-8880.

DOWN ISLAND ENTERTAINMENT

Date	Program	Place Place
5	Eugene Ballet Company	Tainan
8	Eugene Ballet Company	Taichung
9	Eugene Ballet Company	Kaohsiung
14	Chen Yeo piano recital	Kaohsiung
15	Flute recital by Mr. C. C. Lee	Kaohsiung
29	Arkady Aronov Piano recital	Tainan
22	Arkady Aronov Piano recital	Tainan
23	Chen Yao Piano recital	Tainan
25	Romance of Hao-Ying Huang's Ku-Cheng	Kaohsiung
26	Romace of Hao-Ying Huang's Ku-Cheng	Tainan
26	Quatuor Razumowsky de Paris	Taichung
27	Quatuor Razumowsky de Paris	Kaohsiung
28	Romance of Hao-Ying Huang's Ku-Cheng	Taichung
29	Chinese stage – Blue and Black	Kaohsiung
30	Chinese stage – Blue and Black	Kaohsiung

Taichung: Taichung Chung Hsing Hall 台中中興堂
Tainan City: Tainan Municipal Cultural Center 台南市立文化中心
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Masons: Pearl River Lodge # 3 will be conducting the Dedication Ceremony of its' new Temple on 289 Pa Teh 1st Road on Nov. 7th at 6PM. Officiating will be the Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of China. After the ceremony there will be a Chinese Banquet. Prior to the ceremony, will be the initiation of Mr. George Kao. Any male over the age of 20 interested in joining the Masonic Lodge should contact Mr. Harry F. Ong at (07) 771-4338.

Morrison Academy: On Nov. 20th, 6PM is an International Pot Luck Supper; bring enough food for your own family. Thanksgiving holidays will be Nov. 26th and 27th. This year Morrison welcomes newcomers Emily Sims; Sue Burns; Sharon Brenda; Jimmy Andrews; Lynn Griffin; Romayne Strenstrom; Buz Schrag; Julie Chang.

SCOUTS: Girl Scouts will hold a campout and will have an investiture at Morrison Academy Nov. 4th at 3PM. Girls interested in joining the Girl Scouts are urged to call Inez Linebarger at (07) 291-2719.

Boys Scouts will have a bike hike and campout on Nov. 25th, starting at Morrison Academy, to Lin Kou for the campout. Boys interested in scouting contact Mr. Keith Lomen at (07) 331-8131.

Sewing Class: Eide Hylkema conducts a sewing class for people who would like to repair, or make clothing in an atmosphere of cordiality. Call (07) 742-8392 for further information.

Slimmers Course: Lose 60 pounds the easy way? Ardyth Savage can show you how. She can be contacted at 334-2938. Remember, its' easy and painless!!

Womens Bridge: Friendly games for old-hands and beginners are held at the CITC Hotel at 10AM every Thurs morning. Call Faye McKintosh at (07) 742-0991. All expats are invited.

YWCA: The Y will again sponsor a mysterious trip to out-of-the-way locations. Call the Y at (07) 261-0697 or Ardyth Savage at (07) 334-2938. Don't forget to renew your dues for next year.

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KAOHSIUNG JOINERS LIST (07)

Aerobic Dancing	747-3197
American Chamber of Commerce	831-4995
Bible Study	334-2938
Bowling, mixed	641-3601
Bowling, ladies	731-8880
Bridge Club	742-0991
Computer Club	747-3197
Cricket Club	381-2524 or 871-5262
Daring Diners Dirty Chopsticks Club	742-8392
Girl Scout Activities	331-8131
Hash House Harriers	381-5325
Int'l Ladies Coffee Morning	371-7988
Kaohsiung Int'l Womens Club	221-7012
Masonic Lodge	771-4338 or 241-3421
Mother & Children	731-3471
Mothers & Toddlers Group	731-2526
Preschool	381-1954
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Toastmasters Club	351-6651
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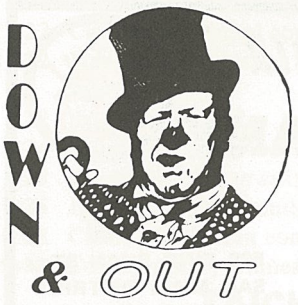

BARSTOOL VIEWS

By Durdley Drinkright

I sauntered into the Anyplace Pub & Tearoom attempting to hum "Autumn Leaves" and feeling very chipper since I had a few coins in my pocket, a holiday over the horizon, and by happy coincidence my rice-propelled sock-shrinker was back to fishpond and paddy-land visiting the clan. Life was just great!

I bellies up to the bar waiting for the shao-nai-nai to deliver my usual Aufgepist Bier, brewed in Bavaria and gone flat in Taiwan . . . but no bloody service. "Hey tweety bird," I shouts, "where's my brew?"

Well I could see fire in her eyes as she spilled half a bottle of precious Aufgepist down my shirt front. "You big pantzu," she screams," you writing so everybody laugh on my nai-nai!"

"How do you know, you twit. You can't read English," I shouts back. "Who squealed? who likes you enough to tell?" I says, utilizing a bit of psychology.

"Dildoe like me! Him not damn bad no good pantzu like you! she screams with enough force to shatter a shelf full of beer mugs.

I should've known. Dildoe Ghergle the area's chief beachcomber and author of the recent worst-seller "Trading Used Innertubes For Cash" or "Getting In on The Condom Boom," an effort that was soon to become an unpopular give-away, especially since the pages are too small to cover the bottom of a bird cage and too thick for toilet paper. Ghergle would do anything for a free beer or *sexual liaison* (the editor told me to clean up my language) and I'd bet a cold Aufgepist that with this action he'd gotten both. I'd have to remember to kick him in the knees someday soon or float his sombrero in the loo after a dinner at O'Wong's – under the Fallen Arches.

These venomous thoughts had no sooner passed between my ears but some character *mounts* the next barstool . . . . . lo and behold there sat a full-fledged cowboy, ten gallon, pointy boots and all the trimmings.

"The little lady here tole me y'all wrote all them lahs 'bout Texas," he drawls. That shao-nai-nai was after me with a total vengeance.

"Well," says I diplomatically, "I also mentioned the Irish so don't feel like I was picking only on you Texans."

"Yeah, well Ah'm a part-Irish Texan; name's Paddy Epstein from Amarilla."

At this stage I didn't know whether to laugh, push his barstool over and run, or call for a rabbi.

Somehow the fickle finger of fate intervened in the shape of wispy-bearded (I've seen kiwi fruit with more hair) Wiley Molehille, who had sidled up and filched the Texan's beer, was just about on his third gulp when the cowboy noticed. "What're y'all doon with mah beer?" he roars.

"Oh sorry, sir," pips Wiley Molehille, "thought it was mine – a thousand pardons your excellence. Here let me buy you one – even though this one was half gone."

With that Molehille reaches for the back pocket of his ancient and only pair of Bermuda shorts. "Oh drat," exclaims he, "My wallet's been lifted and I have nary a dollar. I'm *up the creek without a paddle*, as Hemmingway wrote in *The King and I*. Forgive me kind sir," addles on Molehille in a tremulous voice, owl eyes blinking through his half-inch bifocals. "I'm just a mere student of literature lost here in a world of illiterate nerds."

I'll tell you, I thought that Texan was going to shed tears. "Well, lil feller" he consoles Wiley Molehille "don't y'all fret on it . . . . . whatchoo drinkin?"

Normally I would've warned any ordinary "hoomin bean" that Wiley Molehille lost a wallet in every pub on an eternal basis. In fact Wiley kept his loot in his left sock which smelled so bad nobody wanted him to buy a drink for fear of triggering an attack of mass nausea.

So without further adieu I hotfooted out of The Anyplace, chalking one up for the barmaid and swearing eternal vengeance on Dildoe Ghergle.

Spying Sam's Booze Emporium down the lane I headed for a session on Sam's self-dumping barstools. But it wasn't to be. The place was so full of Germans that for a minute I thought I was in Milwaukee. Dice were rattling all over the place, interspersed by Germanic accented shouts of Chicago! Chicago! Then they'd proceed to throw coasters at each other. It seems this is some ancient Prussian dice game handed down by Attilla the Hun who was headed for Chicago at the

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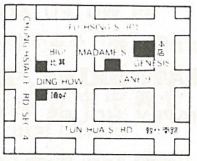

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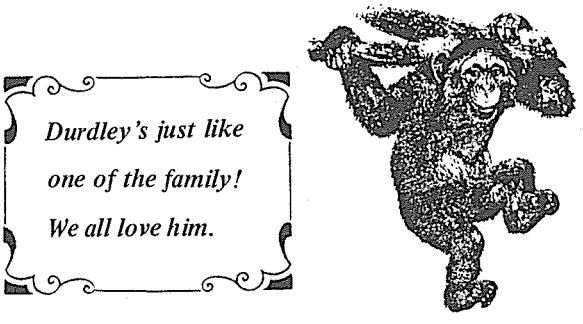
time but never got past Oktoberfest.

After the episode with the Texan, this fiasco was too much. I needed peace and quiet so I hotfoots it over to the Pu Hao, tells the lauban to keep his flock of grannies off my back and confronts the bar, which is manned by double s.n.n.'s.

There I was, roughly two and a half heavenly Aufgepists later, when this humungus red-haired gorilla, standing all of eight feet tall, appears next to me. "And is it you, me boy, what don't like the Irish . . . "



LEGION BEEFS UP OPERATION

The American Legion Post 49, Shihlin recently welcomed Jack Wang, chairman of the ROC Darts Association, as manager of Legion's Post Home Restaurant.

Jack is returning to familiar premises, having managed there in the old F.R.A. days and shortly thereafter under the American Legion banner.

Another addition to the team is *Big Dick* Sudges who is performing multi-faceted duties under the title of custodian. Best of luck to Jack and Dick!

HEE HAW OF THE MONTH

Son: "So far I'm inviting 12 girls and one boy to my party." Father: "I think you need to work on that ratio some more." Son: "You're right . . . I'll tell him not to come."

THOMAS THETCHER'S EPITAPH

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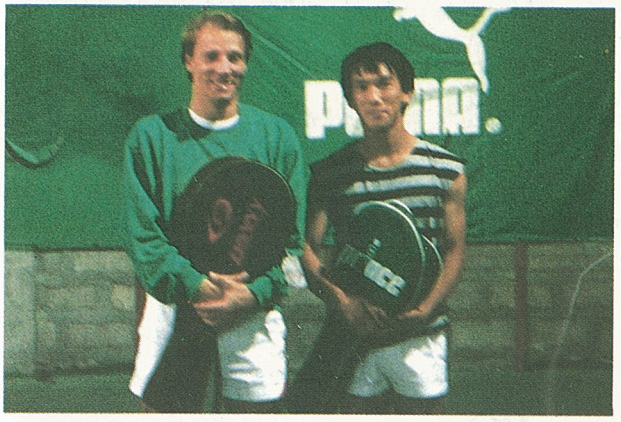

Von Cannon and Mukai

TENNIS TOURNAMENT SINGLES FINALS

The Men's and Women's Finals were held over the weekend of Oct. 16, 17, 18. The men's finals paired off Bruce Von Cannon, who was the National Tennis Coach for the R.O.C. in 1979, (this position came through the International Tennis Federation), and Haj I Me Mukai, who is visiting the R.O.C. for a month. It took both of them four matches to get to the finals. Bruce Von Cannon won the match in two sets, 6-2, 6-4, Hats off to Haj I Me Mukai, who gave it a good shot but ended up a little short.

Lock and Sogabe

The women's finals also took two sets, The pairings were Cecilia Lock and Ms. Sogabe. The winner of this event was Ms. Sogabe by 6-4, 6-8. Ms. Sogabe appeared the stronger of the two. Unfortunately, for Cecilia, it just wasn't in the cards. Trophies for both of these events were presented at the conclusion of the Doubles Final matches which occurred over the weekend of Oct. 23. Grapevine will have the winners of all doubles events in next month's issue. There's some good tennis being played up at TYPA. Get out your racket and get involved with the ex-pats up there.

CRICKET UPDATE

After September's, tenth straight defeat, over the past five years, to Hong Kong's Kowloon Cricket Club, the Taipei team took their revenge out on the Kaohsiung club last month. In the scoring Taipei had 6 out for 217 runs after 35 overs defeating the southerners who showed 15 out for 94 after 35 overs. This brought Taipei ahead in the overall inter-city rivalry 2 wins to Kaohsiung's 1 win.

Jai Bhojivani with 81 runs was awarded the ICRT Man of the Match award for Taipei and for Kaohsiung, Eric May received KLM's Man of the Match presentation.

Persons of any nationality, either experienced or just willing to give cricket a try, should phone either 712-9133 in Taipei; in Kaohsiung 381-2524 or 871-5262.

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TAIPEI MEN'S SOFTBALL

As of mid-October the standings in the men's softball league were as follows:

1. SLOB's	6 – 0	7. presidents	2 – 4
2. Teachers	5 – 1	8. SOBs	1 – 3
3. VFW	5 – 1	9. ELSI	1 – 5
4. Bankers	4 – 2	10. Eagles	1 – 5
5. Butchers	4 – 2	11. AIT	0 – 5
6. ICRT	2 – 3		

These standings represent the first-half of the season. A strong second-half is predicted for the Teachers, VFW and the Butchers with the SLOB's watching their backs under the load of a tougher schedule. And look for the SOB's and ICRT to improve their records.

Watch next month's Grapevine for final tourney predictions.

Keith Kohl putting one up against ICRT.

VFW's John M. slams one for an SOB catch.

SPORTS TRIVIA

1. Who was the first runner to break the 4 minute mile?
2. Who was the first black athlete to win an olympic title?
3. Since when has fencing been organized as an international sport?
4. What is *coursing*?
5. In what year was the first game of rugby played?

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Somebody told me a lot of big muscles make you top heavy but I've yet to see Dolly Parton fall down.

George Burns

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Bowling (mixed)	Phyllis Elliott	892-8647
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Cricket	Peter Mills	712-9133
Darts	Jack Wang	311-1741
Field Hockey	TYPA	871-4203
Go-Karting	J.D. Liaw	762-9120
Grass skiing	Gene Chang	581-8668
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Hash Jogging (men's)	"Guru" Narayan	871-4068
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Soccer	Henry Grimbal	543-1666
Softball (men's)	Mike Wedge	872-7693
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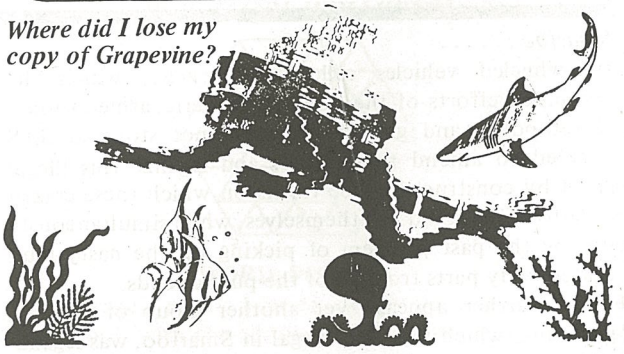

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THE INTERNATIONAL MOVERS

Getting Away . . . . . .

Millions of small crabs inhabit the muddy estuary.

While the Tamsui River Mangrove Forest Preserve is among the more interesting natural scenic sights of northern Taiwan, and is easily accessible from Taipei, it is not recommended that visitors attempt to see the area on their own.

In the first place, while the area would appear rugged, it is, in reality, in a very delicate state of balance – especially as it encompasses such a small physical area – and damage by visitors to the swamp could easily disrupt that balance.

More importantly, the area is – in every sense of the word – a swamp. And most visitors, no matter how confident of their ability, would simply not be able to cope.

The surface of much of the area appears deceptively firm and it is quite possible to walk for several paces with no problem. But sooner or later the walker will suddenly break through, sinking to mid-thigh or deeper in thick oozing mud. And once the breakthrough occurs, escape is almost impossible. The pressure required to free the trapped leg pushes the other leg through the supporting crust and both are enmeshed.

Without help, the only way to escape is to lie flat in the mud, face up, and very very carefully try to free the legs a fraction of an inch at a time. The mire is also home to another of the swamp's less attractive residents, the leech, which seems to possess an innate talent for attacking when its victim is least able to defend himself.

Not to be discouraged; the preserve is fully deserving of a visit – which if arranged through one of the many local groups, such as the Taipei Wild Bird Society, which frequently schedule nature outings – can be among the high points of a stay in Taiwan.

For anyone wanting to wander along the rims of the preserve on a do-it-yourself basis, the best jumping off point is Treetops, the informal resort estate managed by long-time foreign resident Charles Shuttleworth. From Treetops, a paved lane leads to the northern fringes of the mangroves, a walk of less than ten minutes.

Make the trip on a weekend and Treetops is also a perfect spot for a relaxing cool drink on the return as well.

Treetops is located just a five or six minute walk to the south of the Tamsui Railway Station, on the ocean side of the tracks, in what was formerly the Shell Oil Residence.

For Bird Watchers Assn. info contact Mr. Kuo (02) 706-3665, 2PM – 9:30PM.

Smarfoo . . . . . .

two-wheeled vehicles called *motorcycles,* which the combined efforts of the SOS gendarmerie, armed forces, secret police and girl scouts could not stop, so GAS decided to amend the statutes and legalize this illegal sport by constructing race tracks on which these crazed Smarfoosians could kill themselves, while simultaneously solving the past problem of picking up the nasty mutilated body parts from all of the public roads.

To further appease yet another group of addicts, gambling, which was also illegal in Smarfoo, was legalized for these races after an agreement was struck with the gamblers to donate a percentage of the bets to a group known as "*TAKE*," an acronym for "*The Agents Keep Everything.*" Naturally TAKE also took a cut from the ambulance services, hospitals, physicians and undertakers whose incomes stood to treble with the advent of legal-illegal racing.

Taking heed of these goings-on, a small party of liberals named "*LEPER*" made an appearance. "*Lets Eliminate Pedestrians' Every Right*" was the full name. LEPER was made up of owners and renters of the ground floor of every building in Smarfoo. Their objective was to extend their premises to include the sidewalks as the legal area of their businesses. They were joined by another group, "*MOB*" or "*Motorcycle Owning Bums.*" MOB held the belief that the right to park anywhere was holy and despite the non-efforts of the Sultan's gendarmes they did just that. LEPER and MOB were at each others throats until finally they agreed to divide the sidewalks, MOB to occupy a motorcycle length in from the curb and LEPER the remaining space from the *MOB zone* to the shops fronts. Proceeding at a slow and steady pace, LEPER managed to achieve it's aims and regardless of the cries of the pedestrians, who were now forced to walk on the roads, GAS in it's benevolent manner established a law legalizing illegal buildings and parking areas.

This condition persisted into the early 1990's when "*WASP*" (*Wipe Away Stupid Pedestrians*) emerged as the most powerful new threat. WASP was dedicated to the proposition that since LEPER and MOB had forced the people into the streets, it was WASP's duty to eliminate the resultant congestion, caused mostly by the elderly and the young. The membership of WASP was made up entirely of MOB members plus a few tri-wheeled cart owners. For years these groups had collectively been illegally making left, right and U-turns; driving the wrong way on one-way streets; jumping lights, driving in restricted lanes, and blocking alleys.

To be concluded in next month's issue.

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CRYPTOGRAMS

In cryptograms, you are given sentences in which one set of letters is substituted for another. The words are in their right order with a space after each. For example: A BIG CAT, M SWX UMY. Here M is substituted for A, S for B, W for I, etc. You can break each code by watching for the frequency of certain letters or the way they are grouped. You know that a single letter is usually A or I, that the word THE occurs very often in English as does AND. Try IS, IT, OF and other common words when you find a group of two letters.

1. Z T P M T J X X Z V X H E M

   P Z C G H L A R M X E M R P M

   P Z X X G J E M V H A Z E J X R.

2. J X F C V W H Q T M F V C W G V C

   D X O V C H X H T X L D, R Q C

   N T V F D G W F N C C D

   D Q X L M F D R L F A R Q C J.

3. G H C P N N O V E I D I V E I U G

   S P Y U I T A G A S P A A P G A U

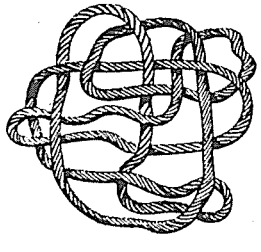
   Y U C O N D D R C D P G A U R.

MATHEMATIC PUZZLERS

1. In 8 hours, C walks 3 more miles than D walks in 6 hours, and in 7 hours D walks 9 miles more than C does in 6 hours. How many miles does each walk in each hour.
2. A is 8 years younger than B and 24 years older than C. $\frac{1}{6}$ of A's age, $\frac{1}{2}$ of B's age and $\frac{1}{3}$ of C's age together amount to 38 years. What are their ages?
3. A certain number between 10 and 100 is six times the sum of the digits, and the number exceeds the number formed by reversing the digits by 9. Find the number.
4. How do you divide 48 into two parts, so that one part is three-fifths of the other part?
5. A father is four times as old as his son: in 16 years he will be only twice as old: what are their ages?

ROPE TRICKS

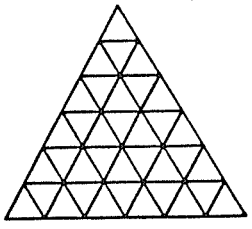
Is the rope a simple loop or is it knotted once? Or is it knotted several times?



TRIVIA MIXTURE

1. What were the main monetary units of the Roman Empire?
2. What was the name of Columbus's flagship?
3. What do the four suits in playing cards represent?
4. Which was the first book printed in English?
5. Where were old age pensions first introduced?
6. How many bones form the human skull?
7. What was the world's first passenger carrying railway?
8. Who was born Robert Allen Zimmerman?
9. What was the most powerful production motorcycle?
10. Which four countries have been represented at every summer Olympic Games since they started in 1896?
11. What is the fastest recorded bird flight?
12. Where is the world's tallest lightouse?
13. Who made the first rubber band?
14. Who discovered the Mississippi River?
15. Who invented the revolver pistol?

HOW MANY TRIANGLES?



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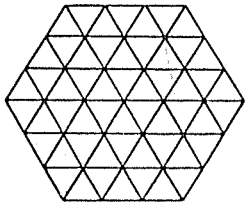

WORD FORMING

Rearrange each 5-letter word to form a 6-letter word, with the addition of the letter given in the corresponding row of the diagram. When the diagram is filled, the letters in the tinted column, reading down, will reveal a bonus word.

1. BREAK
2. LUCRE
3. NOBLE
4. REACH
5. CARES
6. SWORE
7. MOLES
8. INFER

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